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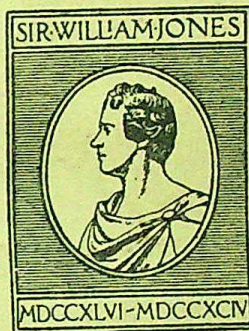


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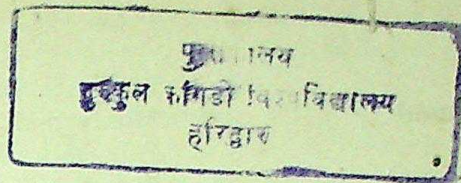
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1959

The Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 2nd February, 1959, at 4 p.m.

Present :

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 Mookerjee, S. K.
 Mookerjee, Soumendra Nath
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 Tagore, Saumyen-dranath
 Tagore, Shrimati

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VISITORS :

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And many others who did not sign the Register.

1. The President declared the Annual Meeting open and said:—
Ladies and Gentlemen :

Voting for the election of the new Council for 1959-60 shall begin at 4 p.m., and members will kindly record their votes. Voting papers in this connection will be handed over to every voter. Voting will close at 5 p.m.

I now request the Ordinary Members to fill up the voting papers duly and drop the same in the sealed boxes kept for the purpose as per directions noted on the voting papers. Votes will be scrutinised later in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 44(b). Sri S. K. Saraswati and Sri Indrajit will take charge of all arrangements concerning the election.

Voting concluded at 5 p.m.

2. At 5-05 the President appointed Mr. Justice Binayak Nath Banerjee and Sri Sisir Kumar Mitra to act as scrutinisers for examining the votes recorded in accordance with Rule 44(a).

3. Copies of the Annual Report for 1958 were then distributed to all those who were present.

4. The President then called upon the General Secretary to present the Annual Report for 1958. (*Vide Appendix II*).

The General Secretary delivered his Annual Address. (*Vide Appendix I*).

6. After that the President said :

I have already mentioned the names of the medallists. Now the following Medals will be awarded :

(a) *Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Medal :*

The President said: "The first award goes to Mr. M. H. Slocum, Officer-in-Charge of the Bhakra Nangal Project, for his important contribution to science during the last five years."

The President then handed over the medal to Mr. Slocum with his and the Society's congratulations for his meritorious work. On receiving the medal Mr. Slocum said that in his opinion it was a great honour to receive this award.

(b) *Sarat Chandra Roy Memorial Medal :*

The President next said: "This medal has been awarded to Professor

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M. N. Srinivasa, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts, Baroda University, for his valuable contribution on a new aspect of the Cultural Anthropology of India in the English language."

The President then handed over the medal to Shri B. S. Kesavan, who received it on behalf of Professor Srinivasa. When the medal was handed over to Sri Kesavan by the President, with the Society's hearty congratulations, for forwarding the same to Professor Srinivasa, Shri Kesavan said: 'I am directed to say that Professor Srinivasa is deeply aware of the great honour conferred upon him by this medal.'

(c) *Sarat Lal Biswas Memorial Medal:*

The President said: "This award is made to Sri Kshitindra Mohan Naha of the Department of Geology and Geophysics, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, for his valuable work on Minerology and Petrology."

The President handed over the medal to Sri Naha, who was present to receive it, with his and the Society's congratulations. Sri Naha went up to the dais, received the medal, and respectfully thanked the President for the great award.

7. After these announcements the President said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen:

As the scrutineers will take some five minutes or so to make ready the final results of the election, I would request Mr. Slocum to give us a brief idea of the great work he and his team of engineers had accomplished on the Bhakra Nangal Dam."

Mr. Slocum went up to the dais and said:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen—"The most difficult problem that I had to face in the construction of the Bhakra Nangal Dam was its foundation. The force of the water was so great that the height of the dam had constantly to be raised from its original estimate of 430 feet to 740 feet, in order to conserve within those limits a great volume of water. The Hoover Dam is only 14 feet higher than this dam. Though not the highest in the world Bhakra Dam is the highest gravel dam construction in this side of the world. The dam in the State of Washington has the largest amount of concrete placed by man in any one place. In round figures some 10 million cubic yards of this material was used there. The dam in California has about 6 million cubic yards of concrete. From the above statement I believe Bhakra comes in third with 5 million seven hundred thousand cubic yards of

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gravel concrete. Bhakra will eventually produce 19,500 kw. power per unit. By 1961 there would be 5 units on the line, each producing the same power.

Briefly, Mr. Slocum said that the fundamental problem of man is always the problem of transportation. The better the problem of transportation is solved the more economically and speedily can the job be done. Large construction works like this one was so different in India, compared with the United States. India has done something very big here, that had never before been done in its industrial history. He described in detail some of the jobs that had to be organised and executed on the spot, like welding, steel cutting, tyre repair shop, assembly of imported materials from the U.S.A., etc. The various jobs had to be as near self-sufficiency as possible. Delay was a great bugbear, and one could not wait for the train to come in; it was a question of doing without this, and without that. Not many men in India can do special skilled jobs of this kind, as so many of them had to leave Bhakra, because they lacked the special skill that was demanded of them. It was good that in 1945, some of the Indian personnel left for the U.S.A., and today India is proud to have these covenanted men trained in dam construction and maintenance. The cry in India today is 'give us the power, give us the power'. One of the fundamental things about electric power is that it can be harnessed for transportation purposes. A shortage of water power is very apparent in this country. How can man conserve and use the water? That is the main problem, and a hundred percent true. It is the basic problem of man everywhere.

When Mr. Slocum had finished his speech the President thanked him on behalf of the Society for giving the audience present such a lucid account of the great work done at Bhakra Nangal.

8. Having now received the report of the scrutineers, the President said :

"Ladies and Gentlemen :

I have pleasure to announce the results of the election. Under the rules, therefore, I declare the following Members duly elected as Ordinary Fellows of the Society during the year :

Professor Durga Mohan Bhattacharya,
Dr. Md. Ishaque,
Professor K. C. Mukherjee,
Sri S. K. Saraswati.

I am pleased also to declare the following gentlemen duly elected as Office-bearers and Members of the Council for 1959-60 :

President :

Dr. N. Dutt, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.Litt.(Lond.), F.A.S., M.P.

Vice-Presidents :

Dr. S. K. Mitra, D.Sc., F.R.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.,

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Dr. A. C. Ukil, M.B., M.S.P.E., F.S.M.F.B., F.N.I., F.A.S.,

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General Secretary : Dr. J. N. Banerjee, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.

Treasurer : Sri S. M. Banerjee, M.A., C.I.E., I.C.S. (up to April 1959).
Mr. Justice Binayak Nath Banerjee, M.A., B.L. (from May, 1959).

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Jt. Philological Secretary : Dr. Md. Ishaque, M.A., B.Sc., Ph.D. (Lond.).

Natural History Secretaries : (Physical Science) Sri Samar Sen, M.Sc.
(Biological Science)—Dr. B. C. Bundu, M.A., Ph.D., F.N.I.

Anthropological Secretary : Sri N. K. Bose, M.Sc., F.N.I.

Historical and Archaeological Secretary : Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray, M.A., D.Litt. & Phil.(Leiden), Dip. Lib.(Lond.), F.L.A., M.P.

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Library Secretary : Dr. B. C. Sen, M.A., B.L., Ph.D.(Lond.).

Publication Secretary : Sri S. K. Saraswati, M.A., F.A.S.

Members of Council :

Indrajit.

Principal Said Ahmed Akbarabadi, M.A.

Sri B. S. Kesavan, M.A. (Lond.), Dip.Lib. (Lond.).

Dr. P. C. Gupta, M.A., Ph.D.

Nominees of the Government of India :

Shri T. S. Krishnamurti (up to September, 1959).

Professor M. S. Thacker.

Sri A. V. Venkataswaran (from October, 1959).

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9. After occupying the Chair the President for 1959-60 thanked the members for electing him as President for the new term.

Before bringing the meeting to a close, the President said :

"I wish to place on record a vote of thanks to the retiring Office-bearers and retiring Members of the Council for the work they had done during the past year in making it possible for the various activities of the Society to be carried on. I thank them all on behalf of myself and the Members of the Society."

"I now invite the Members to assemble for the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting for February, 1959."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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FELLOWS, MEMBERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is my pleasant though onerous duty to address you at the 175th Annual Meeting of the Society to acquaint you with the work done during the year 1958. I shall take this opportunity to make a few observations on the trend of culture in modern times.

At the outset, I want to pay our homage to the memory of three savants, who were associated with our Society, namely, Sir Jadunath Sarkar (1870-1958), an Honorary Fellow, Prof. Jean Philip Vogel (1871-1958), a Fellow, and Sir John Hubert Marshall (1876-1958), Special Anniversary, Honorary Member. All of them were octogenarians and gave the best of their long lives to the cause of Indological studies.

Sir Jadunath took up for his study not only the history of India of the Mughal period from the middle of the 17th to the beginning of the 19th century but also of the Maratha (1526-1507) and Peshwa (1740-1802) periods. His works on the Mughal period are indeed monumental. Those of you who were present in this Hall at the last Annual Meeting had the rare opportunity of hearing his speech in which he strongly advised the young research scholars to collect materials, as he himself did, from original documents, letters, and so forth, and to avoid secondhand sources as far as possible. He edited for this Society *Ain-i-Akbari*, translated *Maasir-i-Alamgiri* into English and wrote the history of Bengal in the declining days of the Mughal empire under the title "Bengal Nawabs."

Prof. Vogel, the great Dutch Indologist, was for some time the Director General of Archaeology in India, and later, a Professor of Sanskrit and Indology at the Leiden University. He was the Founder-President of the Kern Institute. His deep study of Indian art and archaeology and Indian literature and traditions is apparent in his "*La Sculpture de Mathura*" and "*Indian Serpent Lore*." He rendered an invaluable service to the cause of Indology by the publication of the series known the "*Annual Bibliography of Indian Archaeology*" upto the year 1953 under his chief editorship.

Sir John Marshall became, in 1902, the Director General of India, in which capacity, he was able to revive the starved department of Archaeology, and to arrange for financing extensive excavations in several important sites. By his creative genius, he not only unearthed the

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ancient ruins, but restored them in many cases. Being highly impressed by R. D. Banerjee's discovery of the ancient culture at Mohenjodaro and Harappa, he put in his best efforts to have the area fully excavated. He immortalised himself by his monumental works *Mohenjodaro and the Indus Civilizations* (3 vols.), *Monuments of Sanchi* (3 vols.), *Monuments of Taxila* (3 vols.) and the masterly survey of the progress of archaeology in India in the series of *Annual Reports* initiated by him.

Medallists: The Society on the advice of experts awards every year a few medals as a mark of recognition of the distinct contribution made by distinguished scholars to different subjects of arts and science.

This year the D. P. Khaitan Memorial Medal (Science and Industry) has been awarded to Mr. M. H. Slocum of California, at present Director of the Bhakra Dam Project, for his outstanding engineering feats, particularly in "Dam" constructions;

the S. C. Roy Memorial Medal (Anthropology) to Prof. N. N. Srinivasa, who has made himself famous for his scientific approach and objective mind in his two works *Marriage and Family in Mysore* and *Religion and Society among the Coorgs in South India*; and

the S. L. Biswas Memorial Medal (Science and Geology) to a young and promising scholar whose papers on *Mineralogy of Chloritoid* and on *Metamorphosis and Deformation* have been highly appreciated by the geologists.

On behalf of the Society I offer them our hearty congratulations.

While speaking about the medals, I would like to inform our members that it is proposed to create a medal fund in memory of the late Prof. Meghnad Saha, who rendered valuable services to the Society. Some contributions have already been collected from our members, and I hope some more will be forthcoming.

Finance: The activities of the Society, as you all know, are being much hampered by the rising cost of paper and printing, and the mounting expenditure for our staff. We have been approaching both the Central and the State Governments year after year for increasing their grants but so far we have had no response from them, except the restoration of a cut imposed some years back by the West Bengal Government.

In the present economic condition of the country, it is certainly desirable that scientific institutions should receive more grants from the Government but at the same time, institutions for humanistic studies

should not languish for lack of finance. Recently Prof. Humayun Kabir, Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs, and his Secretaries Prof. Thacker and Dr. Rozario appreciated the activities of the society, noted its financial stringency and lack of accommodation, and expressed their desire to increase the grant and so we are hoping to obtain an increased grant from the Central Government in the new financial year.

This year, the Society appointed a Re-organisation Committee to examine the bare requirements of the Society and to make their recommendations. The financial incidence of the findings of the Committee amounts to a recurring additional annual expenditure of Rs. 27,353/-, and a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 25,000/-. We have approached the Central Government for the necessary additional grants.

We have been given to understand that the Central Government and the West Bengal Government will provide us with Rs. 20 Lacs for constructing our proposed Library building on the piece of land, now occupied by the Standard Vacuum Oil Company. We have instructed our lawyers to take the necessary steps for having the leased land vacated within a reasonable time. We are hoping to lay the foundation stone of the building some time this year.

Asian Studies: For some time past, we have been trying to develop the Asian Studies, for which we have got a fairly good collection of books and manuscripts, but so far, we have not been able to do much for lack of both finance and suitable scholars. It is high time that we take an initiative to create an interest among our scholars for exploring the antiquities of the Middle-East and South-East Asia, and this can be made possible if we can offer attractive Fellowships to a few promising students. We are appealing to the West Bengal Government for increased grants to enable us to create two more Fellowships in addition to the existing four.

The recent discovery of a Greco-Aramaic inscription (*vide* the facsimile and English translation)* of Aśoka in Afghanistan shows that Gandhāra, which included Afghanistan and perhaps a few places further west, formed a part of the Indian empire of Aśoka, and that the "White Indians" of Isidore were the Greeks or the Yonas living in this area. It is very likely that if excavations are carried on in this area, and also in the neighbouring regions and in Central Asia we shall have much valuable information about the Aśokan and the Indo-Scythian period.

In this connection I may be permitted to refer to talks that

* *Serie Orientale Roma* XXI, 1958.

I recently had with the authorities of the Academy of Sciences in Moscow. From our discussions emanated the following proposals:—

- (i) To carry on excavations in Central Asia jointly by the Governments of India and of U. S. S. R.
- (ii) To publish a Cultural Journal in English with contributions from Indian and Russian scholars.
- (iii) To establish an exchange of scholars between India and U. S. S. R. for the study of Arabic, Persian, and Sanskrit books and manuscripts preserved in India and U. S. S. R., particularly at Tashkhend where exists a large and excellent collection of Arabic, Persian and Turkish manuscripts.

I hope the Asiatic Society, which the Russian Scholars hold in high esteem, will be able to take the initiative to move the Governments of the two countries to materialise the above proposals.

Historical and Philosophical Studies:—Our Society has been mainly engaged in publishing original texts for historical studies while our historians are producing works dealing with certain aspects of our ancient culture. The Bhāratīya Vidyābhavan has rendered a signal service to the cause of historical studies in India by publishing five volumes of its “Comprehensive History” relating to the history and culture of the Indian people. The task of history is to hold before our eyes a true picture of the people, their lives and thoughts, their hopes and fears; pointing out the complex forces that influenced their life and culture. For a wider propagation of historical knowledge, it is desirable that some of our historians should write histories in as interesting a manner as story books, embodying the above mentioned features.

In our philosophical studies, we feel that our task will be completed for the time being, if we can present in English or in one or more vernaculars the substance of thoughts developed by our ancient philosophers and their commentators.

I think there should be a re-orientation in our philosophical studies, and we should utilise our intellect, our present day knowledge, supporting or criticising, where necessary, the ancient views. Our commentators in many cases differed from the authors of the original works, and propounded new philosophical views in course of their comments, and these gave rise to many new philosophical schools. They were not mere commentators but creative thinkers. What I want to point out is that similar creative thinking should not be abandoned by the scholars of the present day out of deference for the thinkers of olden days while writing on Indian philosophy.

Science and Humanities: A great scientist like Dr. Julian Huxley said the other day that "there is too much science now, and study of the humanities should not be lost sight of in the race for greater scientific pursuit" (*Statesman*, 23rd January 1959). Our Society, in the first few decades of its existence, made substantial contributions to both the scientific and humanistic studies, laying special emphasis on archaeology and numismatics. During the last fifty years there has been a steady development of scientific and technological studies along with the establishment of well-equipped institutions for same. Many archaeological museums with good libraries also came into existence. Hence, our Society turned its attention more and more to the exploration of ancient Indian culture and to the publication of original texts, their translations and thoughtful dissertations on the same. There is now noticeable in this country and elsewhere a great urge for scientific, industrial and technological advancement involving the consequential risk of a flagging of interest in humanistic studies. More people are engaged in scientific researches than ever before and there is a keen competition between U. S. S. R. and other countries, particularly U. S. A., in the training of scientists. In Moscow University 60% of the students take up science and 40% humanities but all science students are required to study at least two subjects relating to humanities. In our Universities, there is a craze among our young students for the science course, and it is only those, who fail to take up the same, resort to arts much against their will. This temporary rage for science studies is likely to create an imbalance in the society. Everybody will acknowledge gratefully that the latest inventions in organic and inorganic sciences have conferred inestimable benefits on mankind in the shape of food, cloth, and other requisites of daily life, quicker means of transport and communication, alleviation of pain, cure and prevention of diseases, reduction of labour in production of goods and so forth while there has been aggravation of poverty in the less industrialised countries and of undesirable jealousy for supremacy among the more industrialised. Man, however, forms still the moral centre of these activities, and the aim and object of science is to make man happier and happier but has it succeeded in the achievement of its object? Has science been able to reduce substantially or eliminate human sufferings, the disease and infirmities of old age? Has it been able to control the lower instincts of man? Hence, for social well-being, science should be tempered by a search for the inner spirit and so there is the need for study of the place of mind in man's life. In ancient times, whether in India or elsewhere, the thinkers attached the highest value to the inner man as also to the ways and means of controlling human passions. It was in the last

150 years that science became a dominant factor in man's life. The study of science has no doubt reduced his superstitions, false beliefs, unreasoned dependence on unseen powers for weal and woes, but at the same time it has made him less and less spiritual, and more and more worldly. The Russian philosopher Sorokin, who had gone through almost all the extreme ordeals of human life, says that culture is a super-organic science and its value is much higher than that of organic and inorganic sciences. He defines the Truth or Reality as an integral consisting of (i) empirical-sensory or scientific knowledge, (ii) rational-mindful, or logical and mathematical thought, and (iii) supersensory-super-rational knowledge or the flash of enlightenment of the creative geniuses in the fields of art, science, philosophy and religion. The geniuses make their discoveries not by mere accident but through intuition—a creative force transcending human capacity. These supersensory-super-rationals are the master-creators, who go beyond the limitations of empirical knowledge. In inorganic sciences, they have outstripped the earth-limits and penetrated into the outer space while in organic sciences they have gone beyond the mechanistic theory of evolution.

Of the three integers mentioned above, it is the third that furnishes a meaning, a value to the first two. The songs of Bankimchandra or Rabindranath printed on an inorganic product like paper produce a magical effect on the people while a piece of coloured cloth fixed to a pole when looked upon as a national flag can throw a nation into frenzy and make it sacrifice its wealth, happiness and even life, inflicting inhuman sufferings on others. Hence, cultural studies have no less value than the organic and inorganic sciences for the well-being of mankind. But I do not therefore minimise in the least the immense value of scientific studies, which are also essential for the betterment of humanity and advancement of our empirical knowledge. The highest moral value, that should be attached to the discoveries in organic and inorganic sciences is "universal and unselfish love" as preached by Buddha, applied by Emperor Aśoka through his activities in the political arena, and practised by the Buddhist missionaries in the Asian countries.

Intuition or mystic knowledge: Intuition, which is regarded by Sorokin as a creative force, leads sometimes to mysticism, which ignores science or empirical observation. Mysticism is essentially a deep intense feeling about the truths in the universe. A rational thinker like Bertrand Russel admits that there are great men and philosophers who depend both on science and mysticism. Intuition or mystic insight suggests beliefs or theories which in many cases have been supported by reasoning or scientific discoveries.

Theory of universal flux: The Greek philosopher Heraclitus gave out the philosophy of "universal flux" while Plato and Confucius taught that "one cannot step twice into the same river" as the flowing water in the river is never the same for any two moments and changes the identity of the river. There are many such statements in the ancient Indian texts and it is remarkable that many of those are now being partially or fully supported by the physical, chemical, and biological sciences as also by the modern philosophies of the West.

The theory of universal flux or the dynamic state of all phenomenal objects was propounded also by Buddha who made the addition that the flux took place not in a haphazard manner but by a systematic series of causes and effects. The flux again is ceaseless, *i.e.*, it has no rest nor a static moment. It has only origin (*utpatti*) and decay (*vyāya*) and no continuity (*sthiti*). Such flux or momentary change takes place both in matter and mind, in the hardest rock or other earthly objects or in the planetary bodies high up in the sky as also in mind and life, both of which are in a ceaseless state of becoming. There is no permanent self or mind but only a constantly changing series of mental functions; an individual is nothing but a bundle of mental states corresponding to Hume's conception of mind as only "a succession of perceptions."

The Buddhist theory of flux, as stated above, foreshadowed the dynamic evolution of the modern physicists as also the philosophy of Schelling that "Nature is alive; it is dynamic and not an unchangeable static substance."

Past and Future in Present: The Sarvāstivādins add to the theory of flux that the past and future exist in the present, in other words, the present contains the pastness and futurity of a phenomenal object. Everything present is a resultant of the past and is also the potential of the future. They treat the terms *dharma* and *dhātu* as abstract reals lying at the background of the manifest world which has a composite and complex nature. These components make up the mind-body (*nāma-rūpa*).

This observation of the Sarvāstivādins is echoed in the philosophy of Bergson who applied this theory to the evolution of consciousness only and not matter as the Buddhists did. Bergson attributed the force behind the evolution to *élan vital* or the vital impulse, the creating process of life. He upheld the view that "consciousness at any moment is shot through and through with past experience and future expectation. For consciousness, time is indivisible into past, present and future, indivisible into instants. It is a continuous flow in which

the past is carried on into the future" (Harris, *Nature, Mind and Modern Science*, pp. 393-4). The Sarvāstivādins like Bergson were neither idealists nor realists, as a few Buddhist scholars think them to be, but they were really evolutionists in regard to both life and matter and as such their philosophy was profound and comprehensive.

The universe, whether finite or infinite: Another intuitional or mystic statement made by our ancient sages about the universe is finding support in the observations of the scientist-philosopher Eddington. In Mahāyāna texts the number of worlds (*lokadhātu*), composing the universe, is denoted either by the figure "triple thousand of several thousands" (*trisāhasra-mahāsāhasra*) or by the simile that the number of worlds in each of the four directions is as many as the grains of sands in the Ganges (*Gaṅgānadī-bālukopamā*), or simply by the words "inexpressible (*anabhilāpya*), immeasurable (*aprameya*) and incalculable (*asaṅkheyya*). It is rather striking that the simile used by the Mahāyāna authors was almost repeated by Sir James Jeans in his *Mysterious Universe* (Pelican Series, p. 11) in these words: "And the total number of stars in the Universe is probably something like the total number of grains of sand on all the sea-shores of the world", while Eddington expresses his idea of the Universe thus:

A hundred thousand million stars make one Galaxy

A hundred thousand million Galaxies make one universe,

[*The Expanding Universe* (Cambridge) 1946, p. 4].

Eddington's conception of the Universe is both limited and unlimited. It is limited because he conceives the Universe as accommodated within a spherical space. It is unlimited because, according to him, the circumference of the spherical space has been steadily expanding. He calculates that the Universe will double its radius every 1300 million years. Einstein's theory is also similar to that of Eddington and Jeans. He regards the Universe as spherical and finite, but though finite it is so vast that it encompasses billions of galaxies. Hence although he does not support the conception of infinity, the vastness of the universe as conceived by him is tantamount to infinity. He admits also that spherical space is "finite but unbounded."

The above conclusions of the European masterminds remind us of the fourfold Buddhist propositions propounded over 2,000 years ago to show that the Reality or the Truth is indescribable, and all that we can do is to refer to it as something beyond the fourfold propositions, viz.,

- (i) that the universe is limited

- (ii) that the universe is unlimited
- (iii) that the universe is both limited and unlimited
- (iv) that the universe is neither limited nor unlimited.

By these propositions, it has been shown that it is futile for a man to think or speak of the universe as limited or unlimited or both or neither of the both. Eddington's or Einstein's views also support the statements that the universe is both limited and unlimited from two standpoints.

The contention of the Buddhist savants is that all statements made about phenomenal objects are relative and no definite assertion can be made about them. The highest truth or the real state of the phenomenal objects is only realisable within one's own self and cannot be communicated to another through the medium of a language, which is also finite, conventional, and a creation of man.

Mind, life and matter: The Buddhist philosophers made an exhaustive attempt by introspective analysis to know the mind and to grasp the dynamic process of mind reacting to external objects through some physiological medium. They did not, of course, anticipate the modern science of evolution but some of their analyses show that they had some idea of the evolution of the properties of life and mind. According to the Buddhist schools of thought the whole phenomenal universe is dichotomised into mind and matter, life (vitality, vital organ, *jīvitendriya*) being included in matter. In Buddhist philosophy the vital organ is described as linked with inhalation and exhalation, daily exercises, heat and cold, food and the great elements (*Visuddhimagga* 235-6). It is shortened or lengthened by a being's past and present actions, e.g., by waste or conservation of energy as is done by the non-control or control of breath and so forth. It regulates the length of a being's life. It is non-material but is not a physical or chemical product (*dravya*) and is renovated every moment. It is dissociated from mind (*citta-viprayukta*) and hence between one existence and another it does not serve as a link which is the function of mind, particularly of mental impressions (*saṃskārā*). It should be noted that vital organ is not mind.

Mind (= *Citta* = *Vijñāna*) in Indian thought is the organ (*indriya*) for sense-perception. Although it is non-material, it depends for its origin on the physical organs and the worldly objects and can never remain apart from them, for which it is described as always in need of a support (*sālabhāna*). In Indian Philosophy, the functioning mind is distinguished from the supreme or the highest Mind, the Truth (*Cit* or

(*Vijñānamātra*) which is eternally existent without support (*anālambanā*) and remains altogether aloof from phenomenal existences and only witnesses the deeds and thoughts of a being.

The Indian conception of life and mind is not very different from that of the present day evolutionists though there is no actual mention of the "cell" but the composition of different organs is hinted at by references to cellular properties. There is however a clear indication of the dynamic nature of mind, life and matter.

Darwin and Huxley advocate the theory that various species with superior intelligence are evolved by a mechanical process. In other words, intelligence is the outcome of physical variations of non-intelligent matter. The Darwinian theory reduces mind to a complex material system, *i.e.*, evolving mind from matter through life.

The latest biological researches show that life and its process may have a physico-chemical basis, but cannot be wholly physico-chemical. This led to the development of the school of vitalism as against pure mechanism. Driesch, the great biologist, who worked in Italy and Germany, maintains that the appearance of life cannot be fully explained by physico-chemical principles. He adds to it a non-material cause named by him as "Entelechy" (which, in Zoology, means a vital element which controls and directs response to different stimuli). According to him, this (Entelechy) withholds or releases the potentialities according to circumstances. The "Entelechy" theory of Driesch is not wholly endorsed by other distinguished biologists like Roux and Bertalanffy, who regard it as a metaphysical or a mysterious non-physical entity. They however admit that Driesch's researches have proved that the evolution of living beings cannot be a purely mechanical process. Roux adds a little to Driesch's theory. He holds that the quasi-intelligent "Entelechy", being a non-material entity, cannot be expected to direct the process to a final purpose, and so substitutes for it a "unifying cause", which pervades the organism. The theory is accepted by the German and English biologists including Prof. J. S. Haldane, who is of opinion that life appears at a higher level of organisation than that of the physico-chemical process. He says that as biology does not deal with matter only, it should be treated as a science independent of physics and chemistry. He regards life as "Nature expressing herself as a characteristic whole which has no spatial bounds" (*The Philosophical Basis of Biology*, p. 74). The "emergent" evolutionism of Nature is manifest in living activity. It is the "concrete universal" which directs the activity of a living being. It is dynamic. The "concrete universal" is nothing but an intelligent and self-conscious mind, which is immanent in every phase of the development of a living

being, and points out the wholeness in the phenomena of life. Hence, the "concrete universal", i.e., mind cannot be separated from life, in other words, mind is immanent throughout the process of "emergent" evolution, and this leads ultimately to the identification of subject and object. Life and mind may be shown as assimilable, but not mind and matter, though Bergson tried to prove that matter was a by-product of life.

The above conclusion of the biological science is being supported by the present day physical science. Einstein by his "Special Theory of Relativity" concluded that "Mass and energy are not essentially different; that energy is equivalent to mass, and mass represents energy and that there is a simple quantitative relation between them". Sir James Jeans concludes from this that matter is nothing but waves, which again are convertible into mathematical formula, a product of pure mental activity and so the ultimate reality is mind. Eddington also subscribes to a similar view. Hence in the analysis, we find that the objects, of which we have physical knowledge, are not ultimately real. The ultimate reality is beyond the limits of our science.

We find therefore, that modern science and philosophy are tending towards the conclusion that the ultimate reality is Pure Mind (= *Cit* or *Vijñaptimātratā*) as was asserted by our ancient seers through intuition or mystic knowledge.

By the few instances cited by me, I have attempted to show that some of the roots of modern science can be traced in ancient philosophy, the propounders of which depended mostly on intuition or so called mysticism.

Before I conclude, I must offer my thanks to the members of the Council for their whole hearted co-operation in carrying on the work of the Society, and particularly, to Shri S. Banerjee, our Treasurer, and Prof. J. N. Banerjee, our General Secretary, who had to shoulder the heaviest burden. I thank also the members of our staff, particularly, Sri N. Banerji, our Superintendent, Shri B. N. Chakravarty, our Accountant and Cashier, and Sri S. Chowdhury, our Librarian for discharging their duties efficiently.

February 2, 1959

DR. NALINAKSHA DUTT
President,

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1958

The Council of the Asiatic Society have the pleasure to submit the following report on the work of the Society during the year 1958.

Patron :

Srimati Padmaja Naidu, Governor of West Bengal, very kindly continued to be the Patron of the Society.

Honorary Fellows :

• Sir Jadunath Sarkar, the world famous historian, died during the year. None was elected this year ; thus the number of Honorary Fellows was reduced from 8 to 7.

Ordinary Fellows :

At the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd February 1958, Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. D. C. Sircar and Dr. K. Biswas were elected Ordinary Fellows. As Professor J. Ph. Vogel died during the year, the number of Fellows is at present 39.

Special Anniversary Honorary Member :

During the year Sir John Marshall, the great reorganiser of the Archaeological Survey of India, died and the number of such members was reduced from 9 to 8.

Institutional Members :

The number of such members is at present 20.

Ordinary Members :

<i>Gains.</i>		<i>Losses.</i>	
Election carried forward	5	Deaths ...	5
New Elections ...	45	Resignations ...	20
		Lapses of election ...	11
Total ...		Total ...	
50		36	

The initial total according to the report for 1957 was 594. The net increase in Ordinary Membership during the year was 14. The total at

the end of the year 1958 was 608. During the year one member compounded for Life Membership.

The Society was made poorer by the deaths of the following important membrs who were closely connected with its activities :—Lt. Col. Lewis Merson Davies, Sri Sachindra Nath Bhattacharya, Mr. F. Maitland, all Life Members and Sri Ramdev Chokhani.

Council :

The Council met 12 times and the average attendance was 12 as against 14 during the previous year.

Dr. J. N. Banerjea, the General Secretary was granted leave from 1-5-58 to 25-6-58 and also from 22-7-58 to 21-9-58, and Dr. G. P. Majumdar, Natural History Secretary (Biology), officiated in his place.⁽¹⁾

A brief summary of the important dicisions of the Council month by month since January, 1958 is gives below :—

January 20.

At the meeting of the Council held on 20th January, 1958, the Budget Estimates for 1958 as forwarded by the Finance Committee were confirmed. The draft Annual Report for 1957 was adopted after corrections. At a meeting of the Council held on 18th February various Sub-Committees as noted in Appendix I were formed.

February.

The Council considered a letter dated 14-2-58 from Dr. U. N. Ghosal in connection with a scheme for the preparation of the Purana Index of Names and Subjects somewhat on the lines of the well-known Vedic Index and referred the same to the Publication and Finance Committees.

March 17.

At a meeting of the Council held on 17th March, 1958 it recorded the notice of motion under Rule 49 (d) tabled by Sri Saumyendra Nath Tagore at the last Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 3rd March, 1958 for the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the general administration and to go into the working of the B. I. Committee and to suggest steps for the improvement of both.

Dr. Gaurinath Sastri was nominated to serve on the Selection Committee appointed by the Calcutta University for the award of Sarojini Basu Medal.

¹ Council, 17.4.58; 23.6.58; 21.7.58.

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Dr. S. K. Mitra was recommended by the Council for Shanti Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Memorial Award for Scientific Research for the year 1958.

Dr. Gaurinath Sastri was requested to represent the Society at the 6th Sessions of Sanskrit Bishva Parishad at Puri.

On the recommendation of Dr. G. P. Majumdar, Sm. Mukti Bhattacharya was appointed a Research Fellow up to December, 1958 in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sri Satya Ranjan Banerjee on the same terms and conditions.

The Council nominated Dr. Nihar Ranjan Ray to serve as a representative of the Society on the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology for a period of 3 years. The Council decided to advertise for the James Prinsep Fellowship in place of Sri Shyam Chand Mukherjee whose term expired, and extended the Fellowship of Sm. Aparna Banerjee for a further period of one year.

April 17.

At a meeting of the Council held on 17th April, 1958 it was decided to file a suit against Messrs. Standard Vacuum Oil Company in respect of premises No. 1A, Park Street, Calcutta, and to take steps for the appointment of a Receiver. The Council further decided to defend the suit pending before the Industrial Tribunal regarding the demands of the subordinate staff.

The Council nominated Sri S. K. Saraswati to serve as a member on the special Committee for the selection of a scholar for appointment to the Raghunath Prasad Nopany Lecturership of the Calcutta University.

The Council considered a letter dated 12th April, 1958, from Dr. Nihar Ranjan Ray and passed an order for the appointment of a Reorganisation Committee to enquire into the state of general administration of the Society and the working of its Library, Publication and Sales sections.

The Jt. Secretary to the Government of West Bengal intimated to the Society that the Ministry of Local Self-Government and Panchayat Department of the Government of West Bengal, in exercise of the power conferred by the explanation to sub-section (1) of section 167 of the

¹ Consisting of the President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Dr. B. C. Sen, Dr. N. R. Ray, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Sri B. S. Kesavan, Sri S. K. Saraswati and Sri S. M. Banerji.



Calcutta Municipal Act, 1951 (West Bengal Act XXXIII of 1951), has declared the land and buildings at premises No. 1B, Park Street, as land and buildings used by the Asiatic Society, solely for the purpose of education.

The Council decided to arrange a tea party to felicitate Dr. S. K. Mitra and Dr. S. N. Bose on their being elected as Fellows of the Royal Society.

May 19.

At a meeting of the Council dated 19th May, 1958, the Council decided to open a Book Purchase Fund account.

Professor Humayun Kabir, Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs visited the Society on 15th May, 1958.

Messrs. B. N. Basu & Co., Solicitors, intimated that the sanctioned plan for the proposed new building at 1A, Park Street, Calcutta and copies of correspondence with the Government about the proposed grant to be made by the Government for meeting the cost of construction should be filed before the suit could be instituted against Messrs. Standard Vacuum Oil Company.

The Council requested the President to take up the matter with Mr. B. Mathews of M/S. Ballardie Thompson & Mathews and with the firm of M/S. Chowdhuri & Guha.

The President Dr. N. Dutt and Dr. Nihar Ranjan Ray were requested to represent the Society as delegates to the second Indian National Conference of Non-Governmental Organisations on United Nations Information.

A Prize Board consisting of the following members (i) President, (ii) Dr. S. K. Mitra (iii) Dr. Nihar Ranjan Ray was formed by the Council to make a recommendation for the award of Rabindra Memorial Prize for the year 1958-59.

At a meeting of the Council held on 21st July, 1958, the Medal Advisory Boards for the award of the following medals in 1958 were formed: (a) Durgaprasad Khaitan Memorial Medal (b) Sarat Chandra Roy Memorial Medal.

The Council recorded the terms of settlement arrived at between the Receiver and the Defendants M/S. Lakhiraj Shewakram & Sons. The Receiver was given liberty to pay the sum of Rs. 12,954.50 nP to the Asiatic Society. The suit is now pending against the tenant defendants.

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The Council accepted the resignation of Dr. N. Datt Majumdar, Anthropological Secretary, on account of his transfer to Orissa and nominated Sri Nirmal Kumar Bose to officiate in his place for the remaining period of the year.

September 3.

At a special meeting of the Council held on 3rd September, 1958, the report of Dr. G. P. Majumdar, Officiating General Secretary was considered. It was decided to open a Gratuity Fund, to take steps for framing the regulations governing the award of Sarat Lal Biswas Memorial Medal in 1958, disposing of by sale the Bindery Machine and broken articles of furniture and waste paper, and granting special interim allowance to the Accountant and Cashier and the Publication Assistant for good work.

September 22.

At a meeting of the Council held on 22nd September, 1958, it was decided to take early steps to dispose of the microfilm rolls purchased for the Nepal Mss. Survey party.

Draft regulations for the award of Sarat Lal Biswas Memorial Medal were approved and the Medal Advisory Board was formed.

The recommendations of the Reorganization Committee were confirmed. The improvements recommended by this Committee, if given effect to, would involve an extra annual expenditure as follows:— (1) Under Library Section, Rs. 8,520, (2) Book preservation section, capital Rs. 25,000, and recurring Rs. 10,000, (3) Publications, Rs. 5,410, (4) General Administration, Rs. 3,420. The Government of India has been approached to make suitable capital and recurring grants.

November 28.

At a meeting of the Council held on 28th November, 1958, Sri S. K. Saraswati, Drs. Sukumar Ray, P. C. Gupta, N. K. Sinha, Nihar Ranjan Ray and B. C. Sen were nominated delegates of the Society to the 21st Session of the Indian History Congress to be held at Trivandrum.

The Council considered the letter from Dr. G. P. Majumdar for the creation of a fund to be called "Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund", from the interest of which a medal to be named "Meghnad Saha Medal" to be awarded biennially for outstanding original contribution in Physics and Chemistry alternately, and resolved that an appeal for funds be made for "Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund" over the President's signature.

A Selection Committee* for selecting Sir William Jones Research Fellow was formed.

The Council directed the General Secretary to sell the microfilm rolls to M/S. Repsyn against cash payment.

December 15.

At its meeting held on 15th December, 1958, the Council considered the composition of the Council for 1959-60 in accordance with rule 37(g).

Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. B. C. Kundu were nominated as one of the Vice-Presidents and an additional member respectively to serve on the Council of National Institute of Sciences of India during the year 1959.

The Council recorded the appointment of Sri T. S. Krishnamurti in place of Dr. G. F. Lakhani as the Government of India representative on the Council of the Asiatic Society. It was decided to issue an engraved medal for Sarat Lal Biswas Memorial Medal. Sri Samar Sen was nominated as delegate of the Society to participate in the Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee of the Calcutta Mathematical Society. It was recorded that the Minister for Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs, in reply to the President's letter for increased recurring grant, informed the President that he was asking his department that the request of the Society be examined quickly and sympathetically.

The Council opened a Fund, called Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund for crediting all contributions to this Fund.

Permission to use the Society's Hall :

During the year under review necessary permission to use the Hall was granted to the following organisations:—

- (1) Advertising Club on 22nd January, 1958.
- (2) United States Information Service from 19th to 21st January, 1958.
- (3) The Textile Association (India) on 6th September, 1958.
- (4) Science Club on 6th December, 1958.

Committees of the Council :

The four Standing Committees of the Council, Bibliotheca Indica,

* President, Treasurer, General Secretary, Philological Secretary, Joint Philological Secretary, Library Secretary and Sri S. K. Saraswati.

Publication, Library and Finance, met regularly except during the recess month of October and the recommendations made by these Committees were duly considered and generally accepted by the Council. List of members of the Council, Standing Committee, Special Committees and Medal Advisory Boards for 1958 will be found in Appendix I.

Society's representation on Outside Bodies :

- (1) Indian Museum—Dr. U. N. Ghosal continued to serve as the representative of the Asiatic Society on the Board of Trustees of the Indian Museum as during the year 1957.
- (2) National Institute of Sciences of India—The Society's representatives as an additional Vice-President and as an additional member respectively to serve on the Council of the National Institute of Sciences of India for the year 1958 were Dr. S. K. Mitra and Dr. B. C. Kundu.
- (3) Dr. U. N. Ghosal continued to represent the Society in the Indian Historical Records Commission.
- (4) Indian History Congress—(21st Session at Trivandrum) Dr. N. K. Sinha, Dr. B. C. Sen, Dr. Nihar Ranjan Ray, Dr. Sukumar Ray, Sri S. K. Saraswati and Dr. P. C. Gupta were appointed as delegates of the Society.
- (5) Indian Science Congress to be held at Delhi—Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. G. P. Majumdar and Dr. D. M. Bose were nominated as delegates of the Society.
- (6) Second Indian National Conference of Non-Governmental organisation on United Nations Information—Dr. N. Dutt and Dr. Nihar Ranjan Ray represented the Society as delegates.
- (7) Sri S. K. Saraswati was nominated to represent the Asiatic Society to serve on the Selection Committee for the appointment to the Raghunath Prasad Nopany Lectureship of the Calcutta University.
- (8) Dr. Gaurinath Sastri was selected to represent the Society at the Special Committee appointed by the Calcutta University for the award of the Sarojini Bose Medal for original research in Bengali language and literature.
- (10) Dr. Nihar Ranjan Ray was nominated to serve as a representative of the Asiatic Society on the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology for a period of three years.

- (11) Sri Samar Sen was nominated as a delegate of the Society to the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Calcutta Mathematical Society.

Distinguished Visitors and Foreign Delegates :

On 3rd March, Professor Dr. C. Waldschmidt, Head of the Department of Indology at the University of Gottingen, and on 15th September, Shri B. P. Shastri, Minister of Welfare of the State Government of Bihar, paid visits to the Society.

AWARDS :

Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Medal—As the medal was due for award during 1958, the Council, on the recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board, decided to award it to Mr. M. H. Slocum, Officer-in-charge of Bhakra Nangal Project, for his important contribution to science during the last five years.

Sarat Chandra Roy Memorial Medal—The medal was due for award during 1958. The Council, on the recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board, decided to award it to Professor M. N. Srinivasa, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts, Baroda University for his valuable contribution on a new aspect of the Cultural Anthropology of India in English language.

Sarat Lal Biswas Memorial Medal—The Council of the Society framed Regulations for the award of the Medal in alternate years and decided to award it this year to the author of the best published work in Minerology and Petrology. On the recommendation of the Advisory Board the Council approved of the proposal for the award of the medal to Sri Kshitindra Mohan Naha of the Department of Geology and Geophysics, India Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, for his valuable work on Minerology and Petrology published within two years preceding the award.

Public Lectures and Discussion Meetings.

In all 11 public Lectures were delivered during the year and the average attendance was 12 members and 15 visitors.

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Subjects</i>
January 16	Sri S. M. Banerjee	Sri Aurobindo's Conception of the Vedas.
February 2	Dr. S. M. Katre,	Development of Linguistic Studies in India.

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<i>Dates</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Subjects</i>
February 20	Dr. T. Burrow	Progress in Indo-European Studies.
March 3	Professor Dr. C. Waldschmidt	Manuscript Remains from Central Asia found by German expedition.
May 31	Sri S. M. Banerjee	Rabindra Janmotsava Celebration Lecture: Rabindranath and the West.
July 24	Sayada Bazgha Begum	The Contribution of the Hindus to Urdu Literature.
August 20	Dr. Harold Kelman	Human Urge towards growth.
September 10	Sri S. C. Chakravarty	Dandakaranya as mentioned in Ancient Literature.
September 18	Dr. K. Biswas	A symposium on Cinchona Cultivation in India—past, present and future.
November 24	Sri Nirmal Kumar Bose	Organisation of Services in the Lingaraj Temple, Bhubaneswar.
December 2	Dr. S. K. Chatterji	A student of Linguistics in the Soviet Union.

The following papers were read or taken as read at the Monthly Meetings:—

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Authors</i>	<i>Subjects</i>
January 6	Sri R. C. Agarwala	Some interesting sculptures from Rajasthan.
"	Mrs. Devala Mitra	Ashtamahabhaya Tara.
April 7	Dr. B. K. Chatterjee	Comparative study of Somatometric and Somatoscopic observations and their racial affinities of the Paliyan and the Malapantaram of Travancore and Cochin.
June 3	Prof. N. B. Roy	A Brahmottara land grant of a Muslim Landlord.
July 9	Sri Bratindranath Mukherjee	A note on a Passage in the Allahabad Pillar Inscription of Samudragupta.

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Authors</i>	<i>Subjects</i>
August 4	Sri Bratindranath Mukherjee	Indian Museum Coin of Mahakshatrapa Jivadaman: Year 100 or 102—Its historical bearing.
September 1	Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyay	The Bondo Tree Press and its links.
„	Sri Shyamchand Mukherjee	Some observations on the Mallasarul Copper plate.
„	Sri Gouranga Chattopadhyay	Some changes in Oraon Marriage Customs.
December 1	D. Korolkov and N. Soboleve	New Data on the Radio Waves from Sunspots.
„	Dr. G. S. Gai	A Note on the Nesari Copper Plate grant of Rashtrakuta Govinda III.

Printers :

The Printers for the Publications of the Society were the same as in the previous year.

Selling Agents :

The Selling agents for the publications of the Society in India, Europe and America were:

- (1) Messrs. Thacker, Spink & Co. Ltd., 3, Esplanade East, Calcutta 1.
- (2) Messrs. Oxford Book and Stationery Company, Scindia House, New Delhi, and 17, Park Street, Calcutta-16.
- (3) Firma K. L. Mukhopadhyay, 6/1A, Bancharam Akrur Lane, Calcutta-12.
- (4) Messrs. Luzac & Co., 46, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.I.
- (5) Messrs. The Moore Cottrell Subscription Agencies, New York, U.S.A.

Solicitors :

Messrs. B. N. Basu & Co., acted as Solicitors for the Society. Sri S. K. Ghosh, Solicitor and Senior Partner of the firm, deserves the sincerest thanks of the Council for offering his ungrudging help in many matter involving legal technicalities.

Auditors :

The Auditors, Messrs. Price Waterhouse, Peat & Company, audited the Accounts and thanks are to be conveyed to them for their timely auditing.

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Publication :**Journal & Year Book.**

Letters Part II for 1957 together with Bibliography of Indological Studies in 1954 as a supplement was published during the year.

Science Part I & II for 1958 (combined) was published during the year.

The Year Book for 1955 was also published during the year.

Letters Part I and Science Part I for 1957 (combined issue known as Meghnad Saha Number) is expected to be published in March 1959.

Books printed and released for sale during 1958.

- (1) Vidhāna Pārijāta (5th Stabaka) by Pandit Iswar Chandra Sāstri.
- (2) Nāṭyaśāstra, Vol. II (Text) by Dr. M. Ghosh.
- (3) Descriptive Catalogue of Jaina Manuscripts... Vol. I. fasc. I. by Dr. Ajit Ranjan Bhattacharya.
- (4) Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā (English Translation) by Dr. Edward Conze.
- (5) Catalogue of Arabic Printed Books in the Library of the Asiatic Society compiled by Maulavi Mutiur Rahman.
- (6) Bibliography of Indological Studies in 1953 by Sri S. Chaudhuri.

Books in the Press.

- (1) Nāṭyaśāstra, Vol. II (English Translation) by Dr. M. Ghosh.
- (2) Catalogue of printed books (Bengali) in the Society's Library by Sri S. Chaudhuri.
- (3) Index to the publications of the Asiatic Society (1788-1953) Vol. 1 pt. 2 by Sri S. Chaudhuri.
- (4) Origin and Development of Bhojpuri by Dr. Udai Narain Tewari.
- (5) Bodhicaryāvatāra by Mahamahopadhyaya Vidhusekhar Sastri.
- (6) History of the Telugu Choḍas by Sri M. Venkataramayya.
- (7) Tibetan Bibliography by Sri S. Chaudhuri.
- (8) Kṛṣi-Parāśara (ed. & tran.) by Dr. G. P. Majumdar and Dr. S. C. Banerji.

- (9) The *Çaṇḍa-Kauśika* of Ārya Kṣhemīśvara by Dr. (Mrs.) Sibani Das Gupta.
- (10) Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS. Pt. II (Philosophy) by Dr. P. B. Chakravarti and Pandit N. C. Vedantatirtha.
- (11) *Haft Iqlim* Vol. 2 by Dr. M. Ishaque.
- (12) *Didhīti Prakāśa* by Mahamahopadhyaya Kalipada Tarkacarya.
- (13) Bibliography of Indological Studies in 1955 by Sri S. Chaudhuri.

Books ready for the press.

- (1) *Tārikh-i-Khān Jāhāni* by Dr. Imamuddin.
- (2) *Kāshyapa Saṁhitā* (English Translation) by Dr. M. Ghosh.
- (3) Descriptive Catalogue of *Rājasthāni* Mss. Pt. 2 by Dr. V. B. Trivedi, revised by Dr. Sukumar Sen.
- (4) Descriptive Catalogue of *Jaina* Mss.—Vol. I. fasc. 2 by Dr. Ajit Ranjan Bhattacharya.

Books under preparation.

- (1) *Viṣṇu and Nārada Smṛti* by Sri R. P. Mukerjee.
- (2) *Tabaqāt-i-Akbari* (fasc. 1 of Vol. I—reprint, English translation) by Prof. K. M. Maitra.
- (3) *Garga Saṁhitā* by Sri P. C. Sen Gupta.
- (4) *Hayaśirṣa Pañcarātra* by late Prof. Dinesh Chandra Bhattacharya and Sri S. K. Saraswati.
- (5) *Kāmandakīya Nītisāra* with the commentry *Upādhyāya Nirapekṣā* by Dr. U. N. Ghoshal and Prof. Durga Mohan Bhattacharya.
- (6) *Seka Śūbhodaya* with English translation and notes by Dr. Sukumar Sen.
- (7) *Tājū-I-Mā'ūsir* (with abstracts in English) by Prof. K. M. Maitra.
- (8) Critical edition of the *Bṛihati* of *Prabhākara Misra* by Dr. P. B. Chakravarti.
- (9) *Rāyamukūṭa's* commentary on *Amarakoṣa* by Dr. Sukumar Sen and Dr. P. B. Chakravarti.
- (10) Critical edition of *Bhaṭṭikāvya* with six commentaries by Dr. Kshitish Chandra Chatterjee.
- (11) Index of the English Translation of the *Ma'āthiru'l Umarā* by Dr. Baini Prasad.

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Chart of Sales of the Society's publications.

Year				Amount.	
				Rs.	nP.
1956	...	...	...	27,709	00
1957	...	...	...	33,117	00
1958	...	...	...	32,396	00

The above statement shows the amounts realised through sale of the publications of the Asiatic Society during the last 3 years.

N.B.—The sale proceeds of the book entitled “The Upper Atmosphere” by Professor S. K. Mitra (2nd revised edition) came up to Rs. 8,795/, and the remaining portion of the total amount was realised from the sale of other publications during the year 1958.

LIBRARY

The Library worked for 292 days. The Library is now being increasingly utilised by a large number of scholars, Indian and foreign, as also by non-members carrying on researches in their respective fields of study. It is desirable that the Library hours should be extended.

Dr. Benoy Chandra Sen, Library Secretary, proposed at a meeting of the Library Committee held on March 11, 1958, that (1) the library services (including preservation) be reorganised and extended, and (2) the pay structure and service conditions of the Library staff be reviewed. The proposals finally were referred to a Sub-committee consisting of the three ex-officio members, Library Secretary and Sri B. S. Kesavan for “fact-finding and suggestions for the future.” While the work of the Sub-Committee was proceeding, it was merged with the General Reorganisation Committee which was set up by the Council on April 17, 1958, in accordance with a resolution moved by Professor Nihar Ranjan Ray.

1. Scheme for the Library.

A scheme for (1) cataloguing of manuscripts and printed books in the Society's Library and the printing of catalogues, (2) binding and preservation of books and manuscripts, (3) constructing an air-conditioned building was forwarded to the Government of India in 1956. It is still under the consideration of the Government.

Professor Humayun Kabir, Minister of Scientific and Cultural Affairs, Government of India, visited the Society and inspected its building and collections on May 15, 1958, and discussed the scheme pending with the Government. Professor M. S. Thacker, Secretary to the same Ministry visited the Society and expressed his opinion that the Society was in urgent need of extensive rehabilitation.

2. Utilisation of the Library.

All possible facilities were extended to the members of the Society and to the scholars visiting the library from various parts of India and abroad. The need of a properly equipped Reading Room with larger accommodation is being keenly felt.

The following table shows the number of books and manuscripts lent out and the number of readers who used the Reading Rooms of the Society during the last five years:—

Year	Lending Section		Readers in the Reading Rooms
	Books	Mss.	
1958	2131	22	3988
1957	2318	28	3981
1956	2463	103	4783
1955	2227	50	3847
1954	2194	28	3076

The following manuscripts were lent out on usual terms and conditions:—

1. Pratyakṣapragalbhā (G. 7602); Cintāmaṇi Prakāśa Pratyakṣa khaṇḍa & Anumāna khaṇḍa—(III C 120) (G. 1743 & 2569); Caitanya Caritāmṛita (III E 205)—to Sanskrit College Calcutta.
2. Abhijñāna-Śakuntalam (G. 304)—to Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona.
3. Reyadu-sh-Suiara (Per. CC 57)—to Srimati K. Jalil, Calcutta.

4. Samkṣipta-sariya-prākṛta-pada-tīkā by Narayana Vidya-Vinoda (G. 731); Samkṣipta-sara-rasavati-vṛtti (G. 694)=to Sri Satyaranjan Banerji, Calcutta.
5. Haft Iqlim (Per. SC. 282 & 283; CC. 706)=to Dr. M. Ishaque, Calcutta.
6. Vaiṣṇavatoṣaṇī (G. 437)=to Dr. Sisir Kumar Mitra, Calcutta—12.
7. Viṣṇu Sahasranāma Bhāṣyaṭīkā by Tarka Brahmananda Yati (III B 63)=to Ganganath Jha Research Institute, Allahabad.
8. Padamañjarī, 3 volumes. (I E 8)=to Kuruksetra University.
9. Diwan-i-Jahan (Urdu 56)=to Patna University.
10. Maṇḍpadruma (G. 1100)=to Adyar Library, Madras.
11. Āśvalāyana-śrauta-sūtra- vyākhyā of Devatrāta (G. 1192)=to Prof. Durgamohana Bhattacharya, Calcutta.
12. Harivaṃśa of Bhavānanda (G. 4258 & 10712)=to Calcutta University.

3. Inter-Library Loan.

Thanks are due to the following Institutions which granted us loans of books, manuscripts and microfilms for the use of the members and scholars working in the Society's library. In this connection particular mention may be made of the India Office Library, London; Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona; Oriental Institute, Baroda; National Library, Calcutta; Sanskrit College, Calcutta; University of Patna, Department of Anthropology, Indian Museum, Calcutta; and the Edinburgh University Library.

The following manuscripts were requisitioned for the use of scholars of the Society from the Institutions mentioned against each entry;

1. Ta'rīkh-i-Alivardi (Ms. 232—Edinburgh University).
2. Aḥwāl-i-Ālī-Wardī-khān (Ms. 35992)—Patna University).
3. Raudatu-l-Jannāt, fī awṣāf madīnati (Microfilm—India Office Library, London).
4. Agni Purāṇa (Ms. 11393—Oriental Institute, Baroda).

4. Research Activities.

Out of an annual West Bengal Government Grant the Society created in 1946 four Research Fellowships for (1) Sanskritic, (2) Buddhistic, (3) Epigraphy and Numismatic, and (4) Islamic studies, respectively named after Sir William Jones, Raja Rajendrala Mitra, James Prinsep and Sir R. G. Casey.

Research Fellows :—

1. Dr. Anilkumar Ray Chaudhuri, M.A., D.Litt., Sir William Jones Fellow, worked on *Advaitavāda* under Professor Anantakrishna Tarkatirtha. He completed two chapters of his work, and collected materials for two more chapters.

2. Srimati Aparna Banerji, M.A., R. L. Mitra Fellow, continued to work on the *Last Phase of Buddhism in India*, under Dr. Nalinaksha Dutt.

3. Sri Kalyankumar Dasgupta, M.A., James Prinsep Fellow, his subject of research being *The Local and Tribal Coins of Ancient India*, has been working under Dr. Benoy Chandra Sen. He was appointed in place of Sri Shyamchand Mukherji, M.A., who completed his work, on *Pre-Chaitanya Vaiṣṇavism* during the year.

4. Sri Abdus Subhan Khan, M.A., R. G. Casey Fellow, continued to work on the text of the manuscript, *Tarikh Bangalai Mahabat Jangi* under Dr. M. Ishaque. He will prepare a critical edition of the text and an English translation thereof.

Three more Research Fellows were appointed during the year, out of the above West Bengal Government Grant: Srimati Mukti Bhattacharji for collecting materials from Sanskrit literature for the compilation of the History of Sciences in India, under the supervision of Dr. G. P. Majumdar; and Professor Phani Bhusan Chatterjee and Sri Kamakhya Chatterjee for the "Puranic Index of Proper Names" under the supervision of the Purāṇa Index Committee consisting of Dr. U. N. Ghoshal (Chairman), Dr. R. C. Hazra and Dr. A. D. Pusalker (Secretary).

Srimati Bhattacharji completed the collection of materials from the Agni, Bhāgavata, Mārkaṇḍeya and Vāyu Purāṇas and her term of Fellowship has been extended for another year.

The other two Fellows for the Puranic Index are at present collecting materials from the Vāyu, Śiva and Bhāgavata Purāṇas. The Honorary Research Fellow Dr. Ajitranjan Bhattacharya who was working on this project completed and submitted the index-slips connected with Agni and a few other Purāṇas.

Special mention may be made of the following scholars who worked in the library throughout the year and utilised its sources in connection with their research-schemes :

1. Sri Nriya Lal Basak—(History of Vernacular Education in Bengal (1757-1905 A.D.)
2. Bishop Terenig Paladian—(History of the Armenians in the Far East).

3. Sri Bratindra Nath Mukherjee—[(a) The Origin and Development of Bengali script). (b) The Satraps of Western India and their times).]
4. Sm. Aparajita Ray—(Oriental Studies in the 19th century).
5. Shrimati Sukumari Bhattacharji—(Evolution of the pantheon from the Vedas to the Epics).
6. Sri Syed Latifur Rahman—[The Four Urdu poets of Bengal. Nassakh (K. B., A Ghafoor; Ausekh (Ismatullel) : Shams; Wakshat.]
7. Professor A. M. K. Masumi—(The text of the manuscript, Kitabut Ta'aliqat wan Nawadis).

5. Bibliographical and Reference Services.

The Society's library tried its best to meet the multifarious demands on its bibliographical and reference services which were frequently received from all quarters.

A bibliography of articles on Indology, published in the Journal during the last one hundred years, is being prepared by the Librarian.

The Society has also undertaken publication of a new series, entitled Annual Bibliography of Indological Studies since the year 1953, under the editorship of the Librarian of the Society. The volume for 1955 is in the press and is expected to be out of the middle of 1959. A typist has been appointed for this project.

6. Photostats and Microfilms.

The Society has been lending out its rare manuscripts and printed books at the request of learned institutions and scholars all over India. If a Photographic Section is installed the Society will be in a position to supply microfilm copies at cheaper rates to such borrowers. Fragile manuscripts and printed books may in that case be withdrawn from circulation.

Due to shortage of photographic materials only a few orders could be executed during the year with the co-operation of the Commercial Photo Service, Calcutta-11.

7. Acquisitions.

(a) Books.

The limited resources of the Society are now being utilised for improving mainly the sections devoted to the Humanities. In

particular our purchases should be directed to the building of an efficient reference library for Asian Studies. At present the Society can spend only Rs. 8,000 for purchase of books including subscriptions to the periodicals. This amount is very inadequate in view of the present high prices of learned publications.

The manuscript materials for oriental subjects should also be completed as far as practicable by purchase and by obtaining microfilm copies of manuscripts not available at the Society.

A cumulative index of books acquired by the Society during 1950-54 is under consideration.

Ten classified lists of new accessions to the Library were issued during the year along with the Monthly Meeting Notices.

Exclusive of periodicals the total number of accessions during the year was 731, of which 235 volumes were purchased and the rest were received as gifts and exchanges. Among the donors mention should particularly be made of—

(1) The Secretariat Library, Writers' Buildings, Calcutta. (2) The Registrar of Publications, Government of West Bengal. (3) Dr. Kalinkar Datta of Patna. (4) British Information Services, Calcutta. (5) India Office Library, London. (6) Eastern Trading Co., Calcutta. (7) Arquevo-Historico do Estado da India, Bastora, Goa. (8) Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan. (9) Sanskrit College, Calcutta. (10) Dr. P. C. Roy Chaudhuri, Patna. (11) UNESCO, Paris. (12) National Archives of India, New Delhi. (13) Smithsonian Institution, Washington, and its affiliated bodies. (14) Hakluyt Society, London. (15) University of Calcutta. (16) Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona. (17) The French Embassy in India. (18) The Consul General of Italy, Calcutta. (19) Sri Saumyendranath Tagore. (20) Prof. Chintaharan Chakravarti. (21) University of Dacca, Bengali Department. (22) M. Marcovich, Venezuela. (23) The Superintendent of Census Operations, West Bengal. (24) The University Manuscripts Library, Trivandrum. (25) Sri Prabodhendunath Tagore.

(b) Serial Publication and Journals:

Through exchange of the Society's Publications with those of other cultural, scientific and technical Institutions and Societies, a comprehensive section, specialising in serial publications, is growing up. These serials are of primary importance for reference purposes to scholars engaged in their respective fields of study and research. But in view of the mounting cost of publications, the publishers are sometimes

curtailing their exchange programmes. For the extension of research facilities and the new projects, especially its Annual bibliography of Indological Studies (being a survey of periodical publications), gaps in the serial publications have to be filled by purchase, and other publications not obtainable by exchange have to be subscribed. In 1956 the Society requested the Government of India for a capital grant of a lakh of rupees to be spread over a period of three years, for bringing the Indological Section of the Library up to the required standard and filling up the gaps in the Journals as mentioned above. The Society spends under this head Rs. 2,000/- approximately annually.

Following periodicals were ordered to be subscribed during the year :

1. Comparative studies in science and history An international quarterly. The Hague, Mouton & Co
2. Diogenes. International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies. Unesco House, Paris-16.
3. Man-in-India. Ranchi.

Subscriptions to the following periodicals were renewed from the date of their re-publication:—

- (i) Syria. Revue d'art oriental et d' Archaeologie. Paris.
- (ii) Journal des Savants. Public sous les auspices de l'Institut de France. Academic des inscriptions et Belles—Lettres Paris.

During the year following publications were approved for exchange with those of the publications of the Society as mentioned against each title :

1. Acta faunistics entomologica Musei Nationalis Prague: (S. 672). Natodni Museum, Entomologicke Oddeleni, Praha—2. Journal—Science).
2. Rivista degli Studi Orientali : (S. 634). Istituto di Studio Orientali, Universita di Roma. (Journal—Letters).
3. Sbornik Praci Filo so ficke Faculty Brnenske University (Journal of Studies of the Philosophical Faculty of Brno :) (S. 680). Sbornik Praci, Grohova-7, Brno, Czechoslovakia. (Journal).
4. Abstract Journal series in science and technology : Institute of Scientific Information of the Academy of Science of the U.S.S.R. Moskva, D-219, S.S.S.R. (Journal—Science & other scientific publications).

5. Adyar Library Series :
Adyar Library & Research Centre, Madras-20. (Bibliotheca Indica and catalogue series of analogous publications).
6. Wissenschaftliche Zeitschrift der Karl-Marx-Universität. (S. 666).
Karl - Marx - Universität-Bibliothek-Tauschestelle, Leipzig, c-1, (Journal).
7. Serie Orientale Roma (from volume VIII) :
Istituto Italiano per il Medio ed Estremo Oriente Roma (Bibliotheca Indica Series).
8. Vikram-Quarterly Research Journal of the Vikram University :
Ujjain. (S. 668). (Journal—Letters).
9. Chinese Literature (English-Bi-monthly) (S. 679) and Peking Review (weekly) : (S. 678).
National Library Peking, Peking-7. (Journal & Year-Book).
10. Political Science : (S. 669).
Victoria University College, Department of Political Science and School of Public administration, P.O. Box—196, Wellington, N.Z. (Journal).
11. Bolletino : (S. 673).
Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Venezia, Italia. (Journal).
12. Dacca University Studies :
University of Dacca, Ramna, Dacca. (Journal).
13. Proceedings (Sections A, B, C) : (S. 142).
Kon. Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen, Kloveniersburgwal-29, Amsterdam. (Bibliotheca Indica & Monograph series).
14. Bibliography of the Humanistic Studies & Social Relations : (S. 677).
Scientific Information Section. Higher Education & Science Bureau, Ministry of Education, Tokyo, (Bibliography of Indological Studies, annual).
15. Abstracts of Dissertations (S. 676) and Publications and Research : (S. 675).
Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, U.S.A. (Journal).

(c) *Manuscripts*:

Thanks are due to Swami Satyananda Deva of Sri Rarmakrisna Ashram, Calcutta-36 for presenting a copy of the manuscript of *Caitanya Caritāmṛita* to the Library of the Asiatic Society.

8. Binding and Preservation.

Due to the natural causes of decay many of the printed books and manuscripts have suffered badly and the condition of their storage is far from satisfactory. Most of the evils from which they suffer can be substantially checked by air-conditioning the stack-rooms.

489 volumes of books were bound during the year. Besides Rs. 1,064 have been spent for the purchase of chemicals, chiffon and tissue paper for the repair of books and manuscripts. This fund is now running short. 14,384 pages of fragile books and 405 pages of manuscripts were laminated with tissue paper, while 715 pages of manuscripts were laminated with chiffon.

All the books and manuscripts (excluding Sanskrit manuscripts) were specially cleaned during the year. For this purpose two more cleaners were appointed during the year.

The Council of the Society invited Mr. John Alden, Keeper of Rare Books, Boston Public Library, New York, to visit the Society's Library and advise the Society regarding the books and manuscripts. His recommendations are contained in the following report :

"The fumigation process as now employed by the Society does not, in my opinion, permit much confidence in its results. It may be useful in killing bookworms in the books, provided that the books are fully opened in the fumigation chambers to penetrate between the leaves. The gas does not, however kill the eggs, and after being removed from the chambers the books should be segregated for at least three weeks and then examined carefully lest eggs have hatched into larvae in the interval.

But fumigation offers no lasting protection. The books may be quickly re-infested by the beetle in question, which can enter the building from outside. The best way of fighting book worms is by controlling the factors necessary for their existence. These are heat and moisture and darkness. Well-lighted and well-ventilated rooms help, but ultimately the only real solution is air-conditioning, which is also the answer to most of the dangers to which books are subject. The climate of India is in itself responsible for the accelerated aging and disintegration of book materials of all kinds. I agree heartily with Mr. Chaudhuri's suggestion that unique manuscripts should be reproduced on microfilm, more particularly if copies of the film are made available to other libraries, in order to minimise the danger that the only known texts be lost by accident."

Almost similar recommendations regarding preservation of books and

manuscripts were made by Dr. S. N. Sen in June 1956, and concrete proposals were forwarded to the Government of India for necessary funds.

9. Cataloguing.

For a proper utilisation of the library for advanced studies and research, the preparation and publication of catalogues of its different sections (viz., Printed books and manuscripts) constitute one of the pressing responsibilities of the Society. This work is being steadily pursued, but more funds are needed to expedite it.

(a) Books:

In view of our financial stringency we have decided to bring out short catalogues of the printed books, as supplements to the Year-Books of the Asiatic Society. Under this scheme the Catalogue of Arabic books was published in 1957. The draft Catalogue of Persian books compiled by Maulavi Mutiur Rahman is now being revised by Prof. A. M. K. Masumi and Maulavi Qutbuddin Siddique. It is expected to be ready for the press by the middle of 1959.

The Catalogue of Bengali printed books (including title index of articles in the Bengali periodicals available in the Society's library) is in the press and is expected to be issued shortly.

A Catalogue of Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit books in the Society's library is under preparation. It is proposed to broaden the scope of this work by including relevant details regarding the researches of European scholars in the branches of literature, mentioned above.

Cataloguing of unclassified residuum of about 46,000 volumes is in progress. 2,810 volumes were catalogued during the year.

Thanks are due to Srimati Marta Malicka Guha for offering honorary service for cataloguing of the books in the Russian language.

(b) Manuscripts:

In the Sanskrit section, the preparation of a descriptive catalogue of the Indian Museum and the Asiatic Society Collections, which commenced in 1947, was steadily carried on by Dr. Pulinbihari Chakravarti. The second part of the Philosophy volume is in the Press. The volumes on (1) Grammar, lexicon, and prosody and (2) Dharmaśāstra, will be sent to the Press when funds will be available. There remain about 12,250 manuscripts yet to be catalogued which will be published in eight further volumes.

The first part of the Descriptive Catalogue of the Jaina Mss. in the Government Collection by Dr. Ajit Ranjan Bhattacharya has been published while the second part is in the Press.

In the Islamic Section the cataloguing work by Prof. K. M. Maitra which commenced in September 1950 is proceeding. There remain about 1,420 manuscripts still to be catalogued. Catalogue of the Grammar volume of the Arabic manuscripts is expected to be sent to the Press in 1959.

10. Exhibits.

Exhibitions of rare books and illustrated manuscripts were organised during the year in connection with the visit of distinguished persons.

The Asiatic Society participated in the Kālidāsa Jayanti Utsava in Ūjjaini, by sending German translations and editions of the works of Kālidāsa.

11. Survey of Manuscripts Libraries in Nepal.

It is regretted that the survey party could not resume its work during the year. The permission of the Government of Nepal is being awaited.

12. Art Collections.

The Society has in its possession a small collection of marble busts, and valuable paintings including works of such famous masters as Reynolds, Lawrence, Guido, and Rubens.

Sri Chintamani Kar, Principal, Government College of Arts & Crafts Calcutta, examined the collection on March 26, 1958. Most of the paintings have been badly affected by moisture and fungus, and many of the canvases are in a rotting state and require relining. The treatment and restoration of these paintings require careful handling by a specialist.

As suggested by Sri Chintamani Kar, all oil paintings were fixed against masonite hard-board, as a check against further damage by moisture.

He further suggested that the two corridors of the first floor should be converted into a picture gallery and for the rearrangement of the art objects on modern lines.

Sri Kar also returned during this year the oil-painting, *Farmer's land* (Moreland), after treatment in his studio at his own cost. He has

further agreed to treat also the following paintings in his Studio (only cost of chemicals and materials to be borne by the Society):

- (a) Muleteer.
- (b) Village Ghat.
- (c) Cupid asleep on a cloud (Reynolds).

Thanks are due to Sri Chintamani Kar for helping the Society with his valuable suggestions and for restoring some of our precious paintings.

13. Coins and Copper-plates.

Cataloguing of the coins and the copper-plates remains to be taken up. The Archaeological section of the Indian Museum arranged for the cleaning of five copper-plates of the Asiatic Society in the Museum laboratory. Thanks are due to the Archaeological Section of the Indian Museum for its kind co-operation.

14. Accommodation and Equipment.

The existing stacks are very much crowded and there is absolutely no further space for the erection of additional shelves. For its growth and proper display the Library urgently requires additional space for stacks, reading-rooms and administrative staff.

A laminating machine and a microfilm reader constitute urgent necessities for the Library. Calcutta with its many important libraries does not possess a single such machine for repair of damaged books and manuscripts. When acquired this may be profitably shared by a group of Libraries in Calcutta.

15. Permanent Library Endowment Fund.

The total amount now to the credit of the Fund is Rs. 25,538. Unless the target of Rs. 30,000 is reached, the interest of the fund cannot be utilised.

FINANCE

Appendix IV contains the Statement relating to the financial position of the Society at the end of the year under report.

The Fund Accounts show the invested assets and Investment Account (No. 37) shows the position of the invested papers in respect of each Fund separately.

In Statement No. 39 will be found the Balance Sheet of the Society and the different funds administered.

The following annual grants have been received from the Government of West Bengal for the year 1957-58.

(1) A Grant of Rs. 3,240/- for research work in connection with the History, Religion, Usages and Folklore of the Province of Bengal and its People. The West Bengal Government has not yet restored the 10% cut imposed on this grant, although this is expected to be done from 1959-60.

(2) A Grant of Rs. 3,200/- in aid of publication of the remaining volumes of the Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts.

(3) A Grant of Rs. 2,700/- in aid of publication of the original works of historical importance in Persia, Arabic and other languages. The 10% cut in this grant has not also been yet restored.

(4) A Grant of Rs. 1,800/- in aid of Publication of papers in the Journal of the Society. The 10% cut in this grant has not also yet restored.

(5) A Grant of Rs. 2,500/- sanctioned as an additional grant in aid of publication of the Journals of the Society.

(6) A Grant of Rs. 7,200/- towards maintenance of 4 research Fellowships.

(7) A Grant of Rs. 8,400/- in aid of Publication of Oriental Works and Works of Instruction in Eastern Languages and for the publication of Sanskrit Works hitherto unpublished.

The usual applications for the renewal of the above Grants for the year 1958-59 have been made and it is expected that they will be received within the Government Financial year.

An annual Grant of Rs. 20,000/- from the Government of India has been received for the year 1957-58 towards the General Maintenance of the Society. As this grant is too inadequate to meet the growing needs of the Society for its efficient management, efforts are being made to have this grant increased substantially. It is hoped that our efforts will meet with success.

The annual Grant of Rs. 5,000/- from the Government of India for Cataloguing and binding of Arabic and Persian Mss. and for the purchase of further Manuscripts was received for the year 1957-58. It is hoped that the grant for the year 1958-59 will be received in due time.

Pro-rata sanction of Budget Provision according to the 1958 rate was made up to March, 1959. The Budget Estimates will be reviewed by

the new Council in March, 1959 in the light of the Central Government Grant for 1958-59, and also of the position of the "Receiver's Account" at that time.

(8) An *ad hoc* grant of Rs. 4,000/- has been received from the Government of West Bengal for meeting the cost of printing the Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss.

(9) The following two new funds have been opened during the year :—

- (a) Dr. Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund.
- (b) Library Book Purchase Fund.

Kemp's Catalogue of Scientific Periodicals.

With the financial assistance of the National Institute of Sciences of India, the Society had undertaken to bring out an up-to-date revised edition of Kemp's Catalogue which was originally published in 1918. But the work was held up during the year on account of lack of funds.

APPENDIX I

List of Members of the Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards. Council

President—Dr. N. Dutt.

Vice-President—Dr. U. N. Ghosal.

Vice-President—Dr. A. C. Ukil.

Vice-President—Dr. S. N. Sen.

Vice-President—Dr. S. K. Mitra.

General Secretary—Dr. J. N. Banerjee.

Treasurer—Sri S. Banerjee.

Philological Secretary—Dr. Gaurinath Sastri.

Joint Philological Secretary—Dr. M. Ishaque.

Natural History Secretary. (Physical Science)—Sri Samar Sen.

Natural History Secretary. (Biology)—Dr. G. P. Majumdar.

Anthropological Secretary—Dr. N. Dutta Majumdar (*up to 10-8-58*).
Sri Nirmal Kumar Bose (*up to the end of the Session*).

History and Archæological Secretary—Dr. Niharranjan Ray.

Medical Secretary—Dr. Amiya Kumar Bose.

Library Secretary—Dr. B. C. Sen.

Publication Secretary—Sri S. K. Saraswati.

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Other Members

Sri U. P. Mookerjee.

Indrajit.

Principal Said Ahmed Akbarabadi.

Sri B. S. Kesavan.

Dr. G. F. Lakhani (*New Delhi—Nominee of the Government of India up to 2-12-58*).Sri T. S. Krishnamurti (*Ditto, up to the end of the Session*).**Standing Committees**

Finance: President, Treasurer, General Secretary (Ex-officio), Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. S. N. Sen, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Mr. Justice N. K. Sen, Sri U. P. Mookerjee, Sri A. B. Gupta, Sri S. M. Banerjee, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Sri Chhote Lal Jain and Sri S. N. Tagore.

Library: President, Treasurer, General Secretary (Ex-officio), Philological Secretary, Joint Philological Secretary, Physical Science Secretary, Biological Secretary, Anthropological Secretary, Historical and Archaeological Secretary, Medical Secretary, Library Secretary, Publication Secretary, Dr. S. P. Sen, Sri R. C. Kar, Sri B. S. Kesavan.

Publication: President, Treasurer, General Secretary (Ex-officio), Philological Secretary, Joint Philological Secretary, Physical Science Secretary, Biological Secretary, Anthropological Secretary, Publication Secretary, Historical and Archaeological Secretary, Library Secretary, Mr. Justice Binayak Banerjee, Mr. J. H. Adam, Mr. N. A. Ellis and Principal Said Ahmed Akbarabadi.

Bibliotheca Indica: President, Treasurer, General Secretary (Ex-officio), Philological Secretary, Joint Philological Secretary, Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Dr. R. C. Hazra, Dr. U. N. Ghosal, Sri D. M. Bhattacharya, Principal Said Ahmed Akbarabadi and Dr. Sukumar Sen.

Advisory Committees

(1) *Cultural*: President, Treasurer, General Secretary (Ex-officio), Sri N. C. Bhattacharya, Dr. S. P. Sen, Sri Tapan Mohan Chatterjee, Sri J. M. Majumdar, Dr. Sisir Kumar Mitra, Sri Abany C. Banerjee, Dr. Mahadev Prasad Saha, Dr. B. C. Sen, Sri S. N. Tagore, Sri Benoy Ghosh and Indrajit.

(2) *Scientific*: President, Treasurer, General Secretary (Ex-officio), Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. R. K. Pal, Sri Satya Prasanna Sen, Dr. H. N. Chatterji, Dr. N. Dutta-Majumdar, Sri Samar Sen, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, and Dr. G. P. Majumdar.

Other Committees

Membership: President, Treasurer, General Secretary (Ex-officio), Mr. Justice N. K. Sen, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. P. C. Chunder, Dr. R. K. Pal, Dr. Sisir Kumar Mitra, Sri Chhote Lal Jain and Sri S. K. Saraswati.

Building & Lease: President, Treasurer, General Secretary (Ex-officio), Dr. D. M. Bose, Sri S. K. Ghose, Sri U. P. Mookerjee, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. P. C. Chunder and Sri Priya Guha.

Kemp's Catalogue Committee: Revision of, Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. G. P. Majumdar, Sri Samar Sen, Sri S. K. Saraswati, Dr. B. C. Kundu and Dr. A. C. Ukil.

Re-organisation Committee

President, Treasurer, General Secretary, (Ex-officio), Dr. B. C. Sen, Dr. Nihar Ranjan Ray, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Sri B. S. Kesavan, Sri S. K. Saraswati, Sri S. M. Banerjee.

Medal Advisory Boards

(1) Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Medal :

President, Treasurer, General Secretary (Ex-officio), Director General of Scientific & Industrial Research, Sri Ramaswamy Mudaliar, Sri D. N. Mitter, Dr. D. M. Bose, Sri K. P. Khaitan.

(2) Sarat Chandra Roy Memorial Medal :

Sri Salil Kumar Ray Chowdhuri, Mrs. Sarat Chandra Roy, Prof. K. P. Chattapadhyay, Prof. Tarak Chandra Das, Prof. Nirmal Kumar Bose, Dr. Bajra Kumar Chatterjee, President, Treasurer, General Secretary, (Ex-officio).

(3) Sarat Lal Biswas Memorial Medal :

President, General Secretary, Treasurer (Ex-officio), Prof. Nirmal Kumar Chatterji, Prof. Santosh Kumar Roy, Dr. Bhabesh Ch. Roy, Natural History Secretary (Biology), Natural History Secretary (Physical Science).

ABSTRACT PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL 1958*

Shri S. K. Saraswati and Sri Indrajit were placed in charge of the arrangements for the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday the 2nd February, 1958. (Council, 82, 15-12-58.)

The reported move of the Education Ministry of the Central Government to replace the existing Board of Trustees of the Indian Museum by a Governing Body, under Amendment Act of 1910, was discussed. It was decided that the Sub-Committee should meet again and Mr. Justice N. K. Sen be co-opted. (Council, 7 of 20-1-58.)

Arrangements to be made for centenary celebration of Dr. Rabindra Nath Tagore, Sir Jagadish Bose and Sir Asutosh Mookerjee. [S.C.A.C., 51-5-58. Council, 40(2), 23-6-58.]

The Tagore Society was allowed the use of the Hall, on payment of Rs. 50/-, on 7th May, 1958, at 6 p.m. for celebration of Tagore's Birthday. (Council, 21 of 17-4-58.)

The General Secretary and Sri Saumyendra Nath Tagore were authorised to chalk out a programme for celebrating Rabindra Janmotsava. The total cost in this connection not to exceed Rs. 150/-. (F.C., 9-5-58 ; 9-5-58 ; Council, 33(5), 19-5-58.)

A letter from the Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, regarding exemption from payment of consolidated rates of the Calcutta Corporation, was recorded. (Council, 21 of 17-4-58.)

It was decided to take action, as suggested by Messrs. Sawdey & Co., regarding Calcutta Municipal revaluation of premises No. 1A, Park Street, Calcutta, for six years ; seeking permission of the Society to file an appeal before the High Court against the judgment passed by the Judge presiding over the 2nd Bench in the Court of Small Causes. (Council, 40 of 23-6-58.)

The whole question of lending manuscripts outside the Library was referred to the Reorganisation Committee. [L.C. (9), 7-5-58 ; Council, 33(4), 19-5-58.]

* Excluding the items included in the Annual Report, pp. 19 ff.

Gifts :

The following gifts were accepted with thanks:—

Sri A. C. Burman (a member of the Asiatic Society) : Geographical Journal, Vols. 99-123 (1947-1957). Price Rs. 36/- per annum. [Council, (61), 22-9-58.]

Dr. S. K. Chatterji's suggestion for presenting one set of Tibetan publications published by the Society to the Government of Tibet through the Prime Minister, Government of India, was accepted. [L.C., 19, 9-4-58] ; Council, 21(4), 17-4-58.]

Coins :

A scheme be prepared for cataloguing the Muhammedan coins in the collection of the Asiatic Society, and the same be forwarded to West Bengal Government for financial aid. (L.C., 9-4-58) ; Council, 21(4), 17-4-58.

Lapses of Election : The General Secretary to write letters to Members whose election lapsed and also to their proposers. [Council (33), 19-5-58 ; Council, (40), 23-6-68.]

The application from the Chief Research Officer, Central Marine Fisheries, Mandalam Camp P.O. (S. India) for Institutional Membership was accepted. (Council, 54, of 19-8-58.)

Finance :

Payment of (1) Rs. 3,000/, a part of the royalty due to Dr. S. K. Mitra in connection with the sale of the publication "Upper Atmosphere"; and (2) Rs. 562.50 nP. to Commercial Union Assurance Co., for Annual premium, 1958-59, for two Fire Policies of Rs. 3,00,000/- each was ordered. [F.C., 12-3-58 ; Council, 15(5), 17-3-58.]

Receivers Account to be kept separately and not shown in the Funds of the Society. [F.C., 12-3-58 ; Council, 15(5), 17-3-58.]

Report regarding the Income Tax Exemption Certificates in respect of the Investments (i) 4% W.B. Loan, 1967—Rs. 40,000/-, and (ii) 4% Loan 1972—Rs. 33,900/-, was recorded. [F.C., 11-8-58 ; Council, 54(5), 19-8-58.]

A Gratuity Fund to be opened in terms of Regulation VIII, with an annual contribution of Rs. 2,500/- to be provided in the Budget for 1959 and onwards. [F.C., 16-9-58 ; Council, 61(6), 22-9-58.]

The Council resolved to transfer a sum of Rs. 54/- from the General

'Fund to the Servants' Pension Fund* annually, and to make Budget provision with effect from 1959. [F.C., 17-11-58; Council, 75(7), 20-11-58.]

Kemp's Catalogue :

Resignation of Sri K. Bhattacharya was accepted with effect from 10-5-58.

It was decided to discontinue after the completion of the present work in hand, till additional grants were received from the National Institute of Sciences of India, and Ministry of Education, Central Government, and State Government to whom applications for grant had already been sent. [Kemp's Catalogue Revision Sub-Committee of 9-5-58; Council, 33(6), 19-5-58.]

Mr. B. S. Kesavan was added to the Sub-Committee. (Kemp's Catalogue meeting held on 10-3-58; Council, 15 of 17-3-58.)

The Committee considered the report of the progress in the revision of Kemp's catalogue of the serial scientific publications.

The Sub-Committee was of opinion that—

- (a) every effort should be made to complete the compilation of the returns already received and recommend that the Society should make available by way of advance a further sum of Rs. 750/- in order to enable continuance of the compilation work for a further period of 3 months beginning from April 1, 1958, in order that the remaining 1950 entries be indexed;
- (b) the present part-time arrangement is inadequate for completing the work and bringing out the publication in reasonable time;
- (c) that this work should in future be handled on a full-time basis, involving the engagement of one whole-time compiler and an assistant and one whole-time field worker,—the former two for purposes of compilation, editing and preparation of the manuscript in a form suitable for publication, and the latter for collection of the returns from the 29 important libraries whose returns have not yet been received; and
- (d) that the full financial implications of carrying out these works be worked out. (Council 15, 17-3-58.)

Financial implications of completing the compilation of the revised edition of Kemp's Catalogue, as prepared by Dr. D. M. Bose and Sri S. N. Sen in terms of the recommendation of the Sub-Committee meeting held March 10, 1958.

* [Founded in 1876 as the Piddington Pension Fund with Rs. 500/- odd from the Piddington Fund. Prior to 1917, the fund was named as 'Trust' Fund. In 1917, it was renamed 'Servants' Pension Fund'.]

Staff required on full time basis:—

- (a) Compiler on Rs. 350/- for one year (from July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959).
 (b) Assistant to Compiler on Rs. 150/- for one year (from July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959).
 (c) Assistant for collection of Returns on Rs. 200/- for 6 months.

Staff : Compiler	$350 \times 12 = \text{Rs. } 4,200/-$
Assistant to Compiler	$150 \times 12 = \text{Rs. } 1,800/-$
Assistant to Compiler (for collection of Returns)	$200 \times 6 = \text{Rs. } 1,200/-$

Contingency :

Stationary, Typing, Postage, etc. Rs. 1,000/-

Rs. 8,200/-

Publication cost as per Sub-Committee's recommendations, dated May 7, 1957

Rs. 16,000/-*

Rs. 24,200/-

It was recommended that the Government of India be requested to sanction a grant of Rs. 16,000/- and the Government of West Bengal a sum of Rs. 8,000/-.

Size of the Catalogue	Royal 8vo
Number of pages	600 approx.
Number of Formats	75
Number of copies to be printed	1,100
Printing 75×120	... Rs. 9,000/-
Paper 90×40	... Rs. 3,600/-
Binding @ Rs. 2/-	... Rs. 2,200/-
Proof Reading @ Rs. 2/- per page	... Rs. 1,200/-
	<u>Rs. 16,000/-</u>

Library (Acquisition) :

Photostat copies of the following manuscripts approved for purchase :—

- (a) Narada-smriti (Munich Library)—Rs. 45/- approximately.
 (b) Kasyapa-samhita (B.O.R.I. Nos. 200 of 1884-87 and 192 of 1881-81)—Rs. 9.50.

* Estimate of Publication Cost as approved by the Sub-Committee for the revision of Kemp's Catalogue, at its meeting held on May 7, 1957.

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- (c) Patrakriya Kaumudi (Sanskrit College and India Office Manuscripts)—Rs. 14/-.
[L.C., 9-1-58 ; Council, 7(5), 20-1-58].
- (d) Ahwal-Alivardi Khan (Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad-Dn.)—Rs. 234/-.
[L.C., 11-3-58 ; Council, 15(4), 17-3-58.]

Microfilm copies of the following manuscripts were approved for purchase :—

- (a) Two Mss. of Upadhyaya-nirepeksha (Benares Saraswati Bhavan) [B.I.C., 4, 4-12-58 ; Council, 82(2), 15-12-58].
- (b) Kitab-i-Mollazada by Ahmed b Muhammad, called Mu'in al-Fuqara (42 folios). (Leningrad Branch at the Oriental Institute of the Academy of Science, U.S.S.R.).
[L.C., 4-12-58 ; Council, 82(4), 15-12-58.]
- (c) Tarikh-i-Mahabatjung (A. G. Ellis collection) from Messrs. Luzac & Co., Ltd., London. Prices £4-0-0d.
[L.C., 8, 9-7-58 ; Council, 47(3), 21-7-58.]

Cataloguing :

The Library Secretary to determine and report about the minimum number of works to be catalogued per day.

[L.C., 4-12-58 ; Council, 82(4), 15-12-58.]

The Philological Secretary and the Joint Philological Secretary were requested to report quarterly about the progress of Cataloguing of Manuscripts in the Sanskrit and Perso-Arabic Sections, respectively.

The Council recorded its appreciation and directed the Society to convey thanks to Mrs. Marta Malicka Guha (Lecturer in French and Russian, University of Calcutta) for her service in classifying and cataloguing books in Russian and some other European languages.

[L.C., 7, 8-8-58 ; Council, 54(4), 19-8-58.]

Library (Miscellaneous) :

The Council passed order for the purchase of a Spencer Microfilm Reader at a cost of Rs. 1,000/- as recommended by Dr. D. M. Bose from a local dealer.

[F.C., 12-6-58 ; L.C., 10-6-58 ; Council, 40(6) of 23-6-58.]

Messrs. Jenson & Nicholson were granted permission to select pictures from our collection for reproduction in their 1959 Prestige Calendar on payment of Rs. 250/-, as fee for each picture plus acknowledgment. (Council, 15 of 17-3-58.)

Secretary, National Museum of India, New Delhi, was allowed to take photos, on proper acknowledgment, for exhibition of rare Art objects. [Council, (47), 21-7-58.]

A letter from Under-Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs regarding the grant of financial assistance for purchase of ancient manuscripts by private Institutions, was considered. Two Philological Secretaries and Sri S. K. Saraswati to draft the letter. [Council, (75), 20-11-58.]

Return of the manuscript of *Kāśikāvṛtti* (issued to the late A. B. Keith) by the Department of Mss., Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh, was recorded.

[L.C., 9-1-58 ; Council, 7(5) of 20-1-58.]

The suggestion of the Government of India, Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs, that some of the valuable manuscripts of the Society may be deposited for safety in the National Library, Calcutta, for the time being, pending the construction of the new building of the Society, was accepted. It was further resolved to keep the Mss. which are being catalogued or consulted within the Society in the Lecture Hall. (Council, 40 of 23-6-58.)

Publication :

In the preface of the Catalogue of Jaina Mss., the name of Mm. H. P. Shastri be mentioned by the General Secretary and on the title page the name of the editor Dr. A. R. Bhattacharya to appear.

[P.C., 4-12-58 ; Council, 82(3), 15-12-58.]

Report of publication of a short catalogue of Arabic printed books in the Library of the Society compiled by Mr. Mutiur Rahaman with the help of Professor A. M. K. Masumi (a Member of the Asiatic Society) of the Calcutta Madrasah, was noted. The Council resolved to convey appreciation to the workers.

[L.C., 7-5-58 ; Council, 33(4), 19-5-58.]

After revision of the Catalogue of the Hindu Coins in the collection of the Asiatic Society (prepared by Dr. Sunil Chandra Ray) by Dr. J. N. Banerjea ; its publication in the Journal as a Supplement was approved.

The name 'Studies in Indology in 1954' prepared by S. Chaudhuri to be named 'Bibliography of Indological Studies in 1954'.

[P.C., 11-3-58 ; Council, 15(3), 17-3-58.]

To be revised by the James Prinsep Research Fellow under the supervision of Dr Banerjea. [P.C., 9-7-58; Council 47(2), 21 7.58].

Proposal for publication of the Annual Bibliography of the Indological Studies as an independent publication, and its printing was accepted. [P.C., 9-9-58 ; Council, 61(4), 22-9-58.]

Proposal for printing of 1,000 copies of the Catalogue of the Society's publications after making it up-to-date and revision by Sri S. K. Saraswati, was accepted.

[P.C., (7), 9-4-58 ; Council, 21(3), 17-4-58.]

Firma K. L. Mukhopadhaya was appointed as one of the agents of Society's publications.

[P.C., 9-1-58 ; Council, 7(4) of 20-1-58.]

Permission was given, with due acknowledgement, to Mr. F. R. Baqi for publishing the article entitled—'Hadiyatu's-i-Sultaniyah'.

[P.C., (3), 8-3-58 ; Council, 54(3), 19-8-58]

Oriental Studies Committee of Columbia College was granted permission to make use of a quotation appearing in "Dara Shikoh", Iksiz-i-Azam, printed in the Journal of the Society, Vol. I (1939). [Council, (61), 22-9-58.]

Shri L. P. Pandeya's request to move the Madhya Pradesh Government for bringing out a fresh edition of the Grammar of a Dialect of Chhatisgarh by Sir G. A. Grierson, was accepted.

[P.C., 7-5-58 ; Council, 33(3), 19-5-58.]

Journal of 1959 be published as 4th Series onwards.

[Council, (82), 15-12-58.]

The following papers were accepted for publication in the Journal of the Society :—

(a) The Medapatas as known from the Bhattaharacarita by Sri Asoka Chatterjee.

[P.C., 9-1-58 ; Council, 7(4), 20-1-58.]

(b) A comparative study of Somatometric and Somatoscopic observations and their racial affinities of the Paliyan and the Malapantaram of Travancore and Cochin by Dr. S. K. Chatterji and Sri G. D. Kumar.

(c) Somatometric and Somatoscopic observations and their affinities of the Mannan of Travancore and Cochin by Dr. S. K. Chatterji and Sri G. D. Kumar.

(d) Social picture in the Satsai of Bihari Lal by Professor Rama Sankar Tiwary.

[P.C., 11-3-58 ; Council, 15(3), 17-3-58.]

(e) A Brahmottara land grant of a Muslim landlord by Sri N. B. Roy.

[P.C., 9-4-58 ; Council, (33), 19-4-58.]

- (f) Note on a passage in the Allahabad Pillar Inscription of Samudra Gupta by Sri Bratindra Nath Mukherjee.
[P.C., 10-6-58 ; Council, 40(4), 23-6-58.]
- (g) The Bondo Tree Press and its links by Professor K. P. Chattopadhyay.
- (h) Some observations on the Mallasurul Copper-plate by Sri Shyam Chand Mukherjee.
- (i) Some changes in Oraon Marriage Customs by Sri Gouranga Chattopadhyay and others.
[P.C., 8-8-58 ; Council, 54, 19-8-58.]
- (j) New Data on the Radio Waves from Sunspots by Messrs. D. Korolkov and N. Soboleve.
[P.C., 9-9-58 ; Council, (61), 22-9-58.]
- (k) A Note on the Nesari Copper Plate grant of Rāshtrakuta Govinda III by Dr. G. S. Gai.
[Council, (75), 20-11-58.]
- (l) Anatomical studies in polygloid strains of parthenium Argentatum by B. C. L. Swamy and Govinda Rajjalu.
- (m) Review written by Dr. U. N. Ghoshal on the book, "Indonesia Sociological Studies" by Mr. B. Schrieke and others.
[P.C., 4-1-58 ; Council, 82(3), 15-12-58.]

Reviews of Books :

The following books were accepted for review in the Journal of the Society :—

- (a) Muslim Colonies in France, Northern Italy and Switzerland by Professor Haroon Khan Sherwani.
[P.C., 9-1-58 ; Council, 7(4), 20-1-58.]
- (b) 'A Comprehensive History of India', Vol. 2 (published by the Indian History Congress and the Bharatiya Itihasa Parishad) Orient Longmans.
[P.C., 11-3-58 ; Council, 15(3), 17-3-58.]
- (c) Indonesian Sociological Studies (Part II) by Mr. B. Schrieke, & ors.
- (d) Catalogue of printed books in Hindi, Bihari and Pahari, in the British Museum, London.
- (e) Urdu Rasm-e-Khat aur Tabaat by Mr. R. K. Sherwani.
- (f) Gandhi Marg, published from Mani Bhuvan, Bombay.
[P.C., 11-3-58 ; Council, 15(3), 17-3-58.]
- (g) Early Rulers of Khajuraho by Dr. S. K. Mitra,

- (h) India House Correspondence, National Archives of India.
- (i) Index to the Foreign and Political Department Records 1756-80, published by National Archives of India.
[P.C., 10-6-58 ; Council, 40(4), 23-6-58.]
- (j) The Early Terracottas from Tamralipata by Sri Paresh Chandra Das Gupta.*
- (k) Early History of Northern India by Dr. Sudhakar Chattopadhyay.
- (l) The Path of Universal Love by Sri Sujit Kumar Mukhopadhyay.
- (m) The Development of Kharoshthi Script by Dr. C. C. Das Gupta.
[P.C., 9-7-58 ; Council, 47(2), 21-7-58.]
- (n) Myths of the North-East Frontier of India by Dr. Verrier Elwin.
[P.C., 8-8-58 ; Council, 54(3), 19-8-58.]
- (o) Punthi Parichaya by Sri Panchanan Mondal.
- (p) Sino-Indian Studies by Dr. P. C. Bagchi.
[P.C., 9-9-58 ; Council, 61(4), 22-9-58.]
- (q) Index to the Foreign and Political Department Records 1756-80.
- (r) Biography of Kunwar Singh and Amar Singh, by Dr. K. K. Dutt.
- (s) Ratnakirtinibandhavalī edited by Professor Anantalal Thakur.
[P.C., 4-12-58 ; Council, 82(3), 15-12-58.]
[P.C., 8-8-58 ; Council, 54(3), 19-8-58.]

(Fixation of Prices)—

Prices of the following publications were fixed :—

- (a) Vidhana Parijata, 5th Stabaka @ Rs. 30/-.
- (b) Catalogue of Arabic Printed Books @ Rs. 4/-.
[P.C., 9-4-58 ; Council, 21(3), 17-4-58.]
- (c) Astasāhasrika Prajñāpāramitā (English translation), @ Rs. 15/-
[B.I.C., 10-6-58 ; Council, 40(3), 23-6-58.]
- (d) Nāṭyaśāstra, Vol. II (Text) @ Rs. 15/-
[B.I.C., 14-7-58 ; Council, 47(5), 21-7-58.]
- (e) Descriptive Catalogue of Jaina Manuscripts, fascicle 1
@ Rs. 16/-.
[P.C., 9-9-58 ; Council, 61(4), 22-9-58.]
- (f) Bibliography of Indological Studies in 1953.
[P.C., 11-3-58 ; Council, 15(3), 17-3-58.]

* Notice to be published.

Bibliotheca Indica Series :

One copy of each part of 'Vidhāna-Pārijāta' from Vol. I to Vol. 4, to be presented to Pandit Iswar Chandra Sastri.

[P.C., 8-8-58 ; Council, 54(3), 19-8-58]

Publication of the Word-Index of the *Nāgānanda* both in Tibetan-Sanskrit and Sanskrit-Tibetan script, was taken up. Sri Suniti Pathak to complete the index.

[P.C., 11-3-58 ; Council, 15(3), 17-3-58.]

Rupasree Press to take up the printing of 'Haft-Iqlim', Vol. 2, edited by Dr. Mohd. Ishaque, provided they undertake in writing not to charge extra for a reasonable number of corrections by the author.

[B.I.C., 11-3-58 ; Council, 15(2), 17-3-58.]

Professor D. M. Bhattacharya to be given 1st class fare (both ways) amounting to Rs. 200/- for collection of the Jammu manuscript of *Kāmandakiya Nītisāra* with the original Mss.

[B.I.C., 10-6-58 ; Council, 40(3), of 23-6-58.]

Reprinting of *Tabaqat-i-Akbari*, (English translation) to be taken up at once. Proof-reading to be entrusted to Professor K. M. Maitra. Text to be revised where necessary.

[B.I.C., 8-8-58 ; Council, 54(2), 19-8-58.]

It was decided to drop the proposal of thorough revision of the book *Tabaqat-i-Akbari* (English Translation).

[B.I.C., 9-9-58 ; Council, 6(3), 22-9-58.]

The following texts were accepted for publication:—

(1) *Didhītiprakāsha*: edited by Sri Kalipada Tarkacharya.

[B.I.C., 4-12-58 ; Council, 82(2), 15-12-58.]

(2) *Haft-Iqlim* (Vol. 2) edited by Dr. M. Ishaque.

[B.I.C., 9-1-58 ; Council, 7(3), 20-1-58.]

(3) *Sekasubhodaya*, edited and translated by Dr. Sukumar Sen.

[B.I.C., 9-4-58 ; Council, 21(2), 17-4-58.]

(4) *Mārkaṇḍeya Purāṇa* (English translation) by E. Pargiter. Professor Chintaharan Chakravarti to revise the book and to see it through the press.

[B.I.C., 9-9-58 ; Council, 61(3), 22-9-58.]

Regarding the continuance of the printing of *Caṇḍa Kauśika*, it was decided that the book should be printed off and the same be sent back to the Press. (Council, 40, 23-6-58.)

Purana-Indexing :

The Committee prepared a set of instructions for the guidance of Research Fellows working on Purāṇa Index. The instructions to be sent to the Fellows through the General Secretary. (P.I.S.C., 15-7-58.)

A Committee for the 'Purāṇa Index' was formed with Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Dr. A. D. Pusalkar, and Dr. R. C. Hazra. Dr. Ghoshal to be the Chairman and Dr. Pusalkar the Secretary, and the Committee to hold office till the completion of the work. (Council, 15 of 17-3-58.)

The Council accepted the plan drawn up by Dr. Ghoshal for completing the compilation of the data from the Purāṇas and passed order for appointment of two Research Fellows on a monthly remuneration of Rs. 150/- p.m. for one year with effect from the 15th April, 1958. [B.I.C., 11-3-58 ; Council, 15(2), 17-3-58.]

The Designation of Purāṇa Index Fellows was changed Purāṇa Index Assistants.

The Assistants to submit fortnightly reports of the progress of their work to the General Secretary.

[P.I.S.C., 28-4-58 ; Council (33), 19-5-58.]

Resignation submitted by Dr. (Mrs.) Prabhati Mukherjee, Research Assistant, 'Purāṇa Index' was accepted. (Council, 40 of 23-6-58.)

Staff :

The Council passed order for payment of Rs. 60/- to all employees other than the Lower Subordinate staff and Rs. 30/- to all Lower Subordinate staff, as Puja Relief. The charge to be met from the closing balance of the General Fund.

[F.C., 16-9-58 ; Council, 61(6), 22-9-58.]

Council accepted the proposal of the Treasurer and Dr. J. N. Banerjea (General Secretary on leave) of giving special *ad hoc* allowances to the Accountant-Cashier and the Sales and Publication Assistant, at the rate of Rs. 250/- and Rs. 150/- per annum, respectively, with effect from January, 1958. (Council, 54 of 19-8-58.)

The General Secretary placed the recommendation of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9th May, 1958, with regard to the extra allowance to be paid to (1) Sri J. G. Steele, (2) Sri N. Gupta, (3) Sri Jagannath Missir, Jamadar.

The Council approved as follows :—

(1) Sri J. G. Steele be granted the sum of Rs. 100/- annually, from

January, 1958, the allowance to be paid in four quarterly instalments.

- (2) Sri N. Gupta be granted the sum of Rs. 100/- annually, from January, 1958. The allowance to be paid in quarterly instalment.
- (3) Sri Jagannath Missir (Jamadar) be granted the sum of Rs. 60/- at the rate of Rs. 5/- per month from January, 1958.

The cases of Sri B. M. Chakravarty, Accountant, and Cashier, and Sri S. N. Banerjee, Publication Assistant, be referred to the Re-organisation Committee [Council, (33), 19-5-58.]

Sri Panchoo Naskar, minor son of Lakshman Naskar, Library Bearer, who died on 6-3-58, was granted Rs. 100/- as *ex-gratia* payment to defray the expenses of his late father's last rites.

[F.C., 12-3-58; L.C., 11-3-58; Council, 15(5), 17-3-58.]

Sri Jagannath Tewari, the Durwan of the Society, was allowed special leave for 10 days in the year. (Council, 54 of 19-8-58.)

The Council regretted its inability to pay decretal amount of Rs. 270/- to Messrs. Golden Finance Co.,¹ out of the Provident Fund money due to late Rakhahari Chatterji. A suitable legal reply to be sent to the pleader.

[F.C., 10-4-58; Council, 21(5), of 17-4-58.]

Appointment and Confirmation :

Appointment of Srimati Gayatri Dutt, as a typist (for the Bibliography of Indological Studies Section) for one year was approved.²

[L.C. 10-6-58; Council, 40(5), 23-6-58] —

Sri Jaylal Singh on completion of his probational period on November 5, 1958, was confirmed.

[L.C., 4-12-58; Council, 882(4), 12-12-58.]

Sri Jaylal Singh was appointed a bearer (Library) in the vacancy caused by the death of Lakshman Naskar.³

[L.C., 7-5-58; Council, 33(4), 19-5-58.]

Sri Sankar Lal Das, Junior Technical Assistant (Periodicals) completed his probationary period (for six months) on 30-4-58. The

¹ Claim arose in Suit No. 554 of 1958—Messrs. Golden Finance Co. versus Sri Rakhahari Chatterjee and another, and decreed by 4th Judge of S.C. Court.

² Post was sanctioned by the Council, XV(5), 17-3-58 on the recommendation of Library Committee, 11-3-58, F.C. 12-3-58.

³ Rs. 47/11/6 ps.

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Council ordered that let him continue in his post until further orders.
[L.C., 7-5-58 ; Council, 33(4), 19-5-58.]

The Library Secretary's selection of Sri Dwijendra Prasad Gupta, M.A., B.T., Dip.-Lib.¹ temporarily, as one of the Senior Technical Assistants in place of Sri Sunil Krishna Nag (resigned) was approved. (Council, 40 of 23-6-58.)

Services of the two cleaners (Sri Atal Ghosh and Md. Salim), to be retained.²

[L.C., 4-12-58 ; Council, 82(4), 15-12-58.]

Employees' Union :

A letter received from the Office of the Labour Commissioner, West Bengal, requesting the Society to send a competent representative for a joint conference with the representative of the Asiatic Society's Employees' Union with regard to the reversion of Sri Girija Nath Bhattacharya, was considered. The Superintendent was ordered to take steps after consultation with the lawyer. (Council, 82, 15-12-58.)

A notice to appear before the Industrial Tribunal on 11-4-58 regarding Demands of Subordinate Staff, etc., served on the Society and the steps taken to file the statement on behalf of the Society were considered. It was decided to take necessary steps to defend the Suit. (Council, 21 of 17-4-58.)

Medical Relief :

Medical Relief³ was granted to Ram Lal, Bearer, Library Section. (Council, 82, 15-12-58.)

Provident Fund :

The Council ordered for payment of Rs. 3,938-95nP., on production of original succession certificate, to the successors of the late Superintendent of the Society, Rakhahari Chatterjee. It was further ordered that the identification of at least one of the applicants must be made.

[F.C., 5, 11-7-58 ; Council, 47(4), 21-7-58.]

Sri Bishan Sadhan Samanta, Cycle Peon, of the Society was permitted to join the Provident Fund of the Society, with effect from August, 1958.

[F.C., 7, 11-8-58 ; Council, 54(5), 19-8-58.]

¹ Joined his duties on 15-7-58. (L.C., 8-8-58; Council, 59(4), 19-8-58.)

² General Secretary was authorised to make an appointment to the scale of Rs. 20-1-30, plus allowance. (L.C., 9-4-58; Council 21(4), 17-4-58.)

³ Rs. 47|11|6 ps.

The joint application of Sm. Satya Bala Naskar, Sri Panchoo Naskar and Sri Sudha Naskar, widow and minor sons of late Lakshman Naskar, Library Bearer, requesting payment to them of the Provident Fund money amounting to Rs. 338-46 nP. lying at the credit of the deceased Lakshman Naskar. Recommendation for the payment of the balance to the nominees, after deduction of the outstanding loan of Rs. 57/- was accepted.

[F.C., 10-4-58; Council, 21(5), 17-4-58.]

Resignations :

Resignations submitted by the following Staff were accepted :—

- (a) Sri Sunil Krishna Nag (Senior Technical Assistant). [Council, (33), 19-5-58.]
- (b) Sri Gokuleswar Gupta, Stock Assistant. [Council, (75), 20-11-58.]

Study Leave :

...
Sri Chitrabhanu Sen, Senior Technical Assistant, was granted a sum of Rs. 190/- towards the tuition and examination fee incurred by him for attending the Diploma Course in Librarianship, provided he agrees to serve the Society two years, otherwise he must refund the money. (Council, 7, 20-1-58.)

Abstract Statement
of
Receipt and Disbursement
of
THE ASIATIC SOCIETY
for
the Year 1958

STATEMENT NO. 1.

General

Income and Expenditure Account

		Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
TO ESTABLISHMENT :					
General Secretary's Allowances	..	1,800	00		
Salaries	.. ..	35,434	47		
Interim Relief	.. ..	4,263	45		
Leave Reserye	.. ..	203	50		
Dearness Allowances	.. ..	17,171	86		
				58,873	28
GENERAL EXPENDITURE :					
Commission	.. ..	608	63		
Stationery	.. ..	1,987	48		
Electric Charges	.. ..	2,285	91		
Telephone	.. ..	680	79		
Taxes	.. ..	7,272	25		
Postage	.. ..	3,707	99		
Contingencies	.. ..	2,285	10		
Printing Circulars, Forms, etc.	.. ..	2,342	56		
Audit Fee	.. ..	650	00		
Insurance	.. ..	562	50		
Lower Subordinate Staff, Uniform	.. ..	16	56		
Furniture and Repairs	.. ..	147	25		
Compassionate Grant	.. ..	264	00		
Legal Expenses	.. ..	475	00		
				23,286	02
LIBRARY AND COLLECTIONS :					
Binding	.. ..	1,405	52		
Improvement, including Reading Room accommodation, Stock-taking and Safety Measures	.. ..	5,175	02		
General Improvement	.. ..			2,640	87
Provident Fund Contributions, 1958	.. ..			1,831	86
				92,852	57
Transfer to Book Purchase Fund Account				8,000	00
Transfer to Building Repairs Fund Account	.. ..			5,000	00
SUNDRY ADJUSTMENTS :					
Arrears of Members Subscription written off	.. ..			240	00
BALANCE AS PER BALANCE SHEET :					
3 % G. P. Notes	Rs.	2,72,200			
4 % Loan, 1972	Rs.	4,950			
3½% National Plan Bond	Rs.	10,100			
4 % W. B. Loan, 1967	Rs.	2,000			
			2,89,250	00	
Deficit at date			24,703	98	
				2,64,546	02
				3,70,638	59

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Fund.

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for the year ended 31st December, 1958

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
BY BALANCE FROM LAST ACCOUNT			2,88,819	91
CASH RECEIPTS :				
Interest on Investments	8,763	25		
Grant from Government of India ..	20,000	00		
Rent	16,194	50		
Advertising	4,000	00		
Miscellaneous	1,588	93		
Donation	250	00		
			50,796	68
PERSONAL ACCOUNT :				
Members' Subscriptions	19,748	00		
Admission Fees	1,554	00		
Compounding Fees	220	00		
			21,522	00
TRANSFER FROM FUNDS :				
Proportionate Share in General..				
Expenditure—				
O. P. Fund No. 1 Account	2,500	00		
O. P. Fund No. 2 Account	1,000	00		
Publication Fund Account	5,000	00		
Arabic and Persian Mss. Fund Account	1,000	00		
			9,500	00

3,70,638 59

STATEMENT NO. 2.

Oriental Publication

From a monthly grant made by the Government of West Bengal, for the Languages (Rs. 500, Less 10% from the 1st of April, 1963), and for

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Proportionate Share in General			2,500	00
Expenditure			2,343	00
Editing			10,749	96
Printing			215	00
Binding				
Balance as per Balance Sheet				
Rs. 4,950 4 % Loan, 1972 ..	4,950	00		
Rs. 5,000 4 % Loan, 1972 ..	5,000	00		
Rs. 10,000 3½ % Treasury Saving Deposit	10,000	00		
Deficit at date	5,464	72		
			14,485	28
			30,293	24

STATEMENT NO. 3.

Oriental Publication

From an annual grant made by the Government of West Bengal of Historical (Less 10% from

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Proportionate Share in General			1,000	00
Expenditure			303	65
Purchase of Paper			318	75
Purchase of Manuscript				
Balance as per Balance Sheet				
Rs. 5,000 4% West Bengal Load, 1967 ..	5,000	00		
Surplus at date	7,194	91		
			12,194	91
			13,817	31

STATEMENT NO. 4.

Sanskrit Manuscripts

From an annual grant of Rs. 3,200 made by the Government of acquired by the Society; and Rs. 3,600 from the same Government

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance from last Account ..			632	71
Salary			4,740	00
Printing			1,386	82
Purchase of Manuscript			117	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			3,563	47
			10,440	00

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

Publication in Oriental Works and Works of Instruction in Eastern
the publication of Sanskrit Works hitherto unpublished, Rs. 250.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			21,146	99
W. B. Government Grant ..			8,400	00
Interest realized during the year ..			746	25

 30,293 24

Fund No. 2, in Account with A.S.

1958.

Rs. 3,000 for the publication of Arabic and Persian Works of
Interest
the 1st of April, 1953.)

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			10,949	26
W. B. Government Grant ..			2,700	00
Interest realised during the year ..			168	05

 13,817 31

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

West Bengal for the publication of the Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts
(Less 10% from the 1st of April, 1953).
for Research Work.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By W. B. Government Grant ..			6,440	00
W. B. Government Grant (ad hoc) ..			4,000	00

 10,440 00

STATEMENT NO. 5.

Arabic and Persian Manuscripts

From an annual grant of Rs. 5,000 made by the Government of Manuscripts, acquired by the Society; for the purchase of of Arabic and Persian Manuscripts

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Proportionate Share in General				
Expenditure			1,000	00
Cataloguing			4,620	00
Purchase of Manuscript			446	30
Preservation			913	44
			6,979	74

STATEMENT NO. 6.

Barclay Memorial

From a sum of Rs. 500 odd given in 1896 by the Surgeon encouragement of Medical

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Cost of Medal			61	30
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 700, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	700	00		
Rs. 150, 4% W. B. Loan, 1967 ..	150	00		
Surplus at date	59	79		
			909	79
			971	09

STATEMENT NO. 7.

Servants' Pension

Founded in 1876 as the Piddington Pension Fund

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Pension			144	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	00		
Deficit at date	8	21		
			2,991	79
			3,135	79

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

India for the cataloguing and binding of Arabic and Persian
found in various Libraries in India
further Manuscripts, and for the preparation of notices

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account			1,531	40
Grant from Govt. of India ..			5,000	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			448	34
			6,979	74

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

General, I.M.S., for the foundation of a medal for the
and Biological Sciences.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			945	10
Interest realized during the year ..			25	99
			971	09

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

with Rs. 500 odd from the Piddington Fund.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			3,046	29
Interest realized during the year ..			89	50
			3,135	79

STATEMENT NO. 8.

Annandale Memorial

From donations and subscription

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Cost of Medal			59	52
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 4,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	4,000	00		
Surplus at date	201	84		
			4,201	84
			4,261	36

STATEMENT NO. 9.

Permanent Library Endowment

From gifts received

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 14,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	14,000	00		
Rs. 8,000, 12 yr. National Saving Deposit	8,000	00		
Rs. 1,800, 4% W. B. Loan, 1967	1,800	00		
Surplus at date	1,738	00		
			25,538	63
			25,538	63

STATEMENT NO. 10.

Sir William Jones Memorial

From a sum gifted for the purpose

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	00		
Surplus at date	526	19		
			3,526	19
			3,526	19

STATEMENT NO. 11.

Pramathanath Bose Memorial

From a sum gifted for

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Cost of Medal			48	03
Repairs to dies			47	11
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 1,800, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,800	00		
Rs. 500, 3½% T. S. Deposit	500	00		
Surplus at date	110	64		
			2,410	64
			2,505	78

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

started in 1926.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			4,141	86
Interest realized during the year ..			119	50
			<u>4,261</u>	<u>36</u>

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

started in 1926.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			25,059	24
Interest realized during the year ..			479	39
			<u>25,538</u>	<u>63</u>

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

in 1926, by Dr. U. N. Brahmachari.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			3,436	69
Interest realized during the year ..			89	50
			<u>3,526</u>	<u>19</u>

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

the purpose in 1935.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			2,434	60
Interest realized during the year ..			71	18
			<u>2,505</u>	<u>78</u>

STATEMENT No. 12.

Joy Gobind Law Memorial

From a donation for the purpose

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	00		
Surplus at date	533	22		
			3,533	22
			3,533	22

STATEMENT No. 13.

Calcutta Science Congress Prize

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	00		
Surplus at date	471	71		
			3,471	71
			3,471	71

STATEMENT No. 14.

Dr. Bruhl Memorial

From a sum gifted for the purpose in

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Cost of Medal			21	58
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 1,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,000	00		
Rs. 500, 3½% T. S. Deposit	500	00		
Surplus at date	198	97		
			1,698	97
			1,720	55

STATEMENT No. 15.

Dr. Bimala Charan Law Gold Medal

From a sum gifted for the

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Cost of Medal			474	61
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 8,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000	00		
Rs. 500, 3½% T. S. Deposit	500	00		
Surplus at date	514	82		
			9,014	82
			9,489	43

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

in 1929 by Dr. Satya Charan Law.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			3,443	72
Interest realized during the year ..			89	50
			<u>3,533</u>	<u>22</u>

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			3,382	21
Interest realized during the year ..			89	50
			<u>3,471</u>	<u>71</u>

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

1929, by the Bruhl Farewell Committee.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			1,673	12
Interest realized during the year ..			47	43
			<u>1,720</u>	<u>55</u>

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

purpose by Dr. B. C. Law.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			9,232	24
Interest realized during the year ..			257	19
			<u>9,489</u>	<u>43</u>

STATEMENT NO. 16.

Sarat Ch. Roy Medal

From a sum gifted by Mrs.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 4,000, 4% Loan, 1972 ..	4,000	00		
Surplus at date ..	862	85		
			4,862	85
			4,862	85

STATEMENT NO. 17.

Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial

From a sum donated

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 10,000, 3% Loan, 1970-75 ..	10,000	00		
Rs. 500, 3½% T. S. Deposit ..	500	00		
Surplus at date ..	1,025	53		
			11,525	53
			11,525	53

STATEMENT NO. 18.

Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal

From a sum donated

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Cost of Medal ..			467	44
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 8,000, 3% Conversion Load, 1946 ..	8,000	00		
Surplus at date ..	908	48		
			8,908	48
			9,375	92

STATEMENT NO. 19.

Dr. Meghnad Saha Memorial

From Contributions

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			25	00
			25	00

STATEMENT NO. 20.

Book Purchase

From a sum transferred from

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Book Purchases ..			5,841	21
Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			2,158	79
			8,000	00

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

S. C. Roy for the purpose.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			4,703	35
Interest realized during the year ..			159	50
			<u>4,862</u>	<u>85</u>

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

by Mr. D. P. Khaitan.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			11,208	84
Interest realized during the year ..			316	69
			<u>11,525</u>	<u>53</u>

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

by Dr. B. C. Law.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			9,136	42
Interest realized during the year ..			239	50
			<u>9,375</u>	<u>92</u>

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

received.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Contributions received during the year			25	00
			<u>25</u>	<u>00</u>

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

General Fund.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Transfer from A. S. General Fund ..			8,000	00
			<u>8,000</u>	<u>00</u>

STATEMENT No. 21.

Dr. Bimala Charan Law Collection

From a sum donated

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 200, 4% W. B. Loan, 1967	—	200	00	
Surplus at date		809	95	
			1,009	95
			1,009	95

STATEMENT No. 22.

Research Fellowship

From an annual grant of Rs. 7,200

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Scholarships			8,292	33
Advertisement			269	66
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 10,000, 4% W. B. Loan, 1967 ..	10,000	00		
Surplus at date	1,452	50		
			13,452	50
			22,014	49

STATEMENT No. 23.

Historical Publication

From grants

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 20,000, 3½% T. S. Deposit ..	20,000	00		
Surplus at date	5,177	64		
			25,177	64
			25,177	64

STATEMENT No. 24.

Rajasthani Fund Account

From a sum donated

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet— ..			50	81
			50	81

STATEMENT No. 25.

Preservation of Manuscripts

From a grant received from

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance from last Account ..			349	44
Repairs			768	00
Preservation			1,397	31
Salary			1,860	00
			4,374	75

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958:

by Dr. B. C. Law.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			1,003	78
Interest realized during the year ..			6	17

 1,009 95
Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

made by the Government of West Bengal.

By Balance from last Account ..	14,478	14
Annual Grant received during the year ..	7,200	00
Interest realized during the year ..	336	35

 22,014 49
Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

made by the Government of West Bengal.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..	24,480	14		
Interest realized during the year ..	697	50		

 25,177 64
Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

by G. D. Birla.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..	50	81		
	50	81		

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

the Government of India.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Miscellaneous Receipt			10	00
Sale of Bindery			1,800	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			2,564	75

 4,374 75

STATEMENT No. 26.

Portrait Maintenance

	From Contributions			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			633	00
			633	00

STATEMENT No. 27.

Sarat Lal Medal

	From Donation			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 850, 4% W. B. Loan, 1967 ..	850	00		
Surplus at date ..	81	17		
			931	17
			931	17

STATEMENT No. 28.

Maathir-ul-Umara

	From a grant received			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			5,000	00
			5,000	00

STATEMENT No. 29.

Nepal Manuscript

	From a grant received			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			5,552	59
			5,552	59

STATEMENT No. 30.

Receivers

	From			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Taxes			3,441	59
Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			15,839	-
			19,281	00

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

received.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			633	00
			633	00

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

received.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			902	56
Interest realized during the year ..			28	61
			931	17

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

from the Government of India.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account			5,000	00
			5,000	00

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

from the Government of India.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			4,249	09
Sale of Agepan Rolls ..			1,303	50
			5,552	59

Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

Rents received.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			6,352	00
Rents received during the year ..			12,929	00
			19,281	00

STATEMENT NO. 31.

Building Repairs

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Repairs during the year ..			1,786	25
Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			3,376	36
			<u>5,162</u>	<u>61</u>

STATEMENT NO. 32.

Provident Fund Account
From contributions by the

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Payments during the year ..			4,519	61
Cost of a Stamp ..			0	06
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 5,200, 3% G. P. Notes, 1963-65 ..	5,200	00		
Rs. 5,000, 4% Loan, 1972 ..	5,000	00		
Rs. 8,000, 3½% Treasury Savings Deposit ..	8,000	00		
Rs. 4,000 12 yr. National Savings Deposit ..	4,000	00		
Savings Bank ..	3,543	18		
Advances ..	1,491	00		
			<u>27,234</u>	<u>18</u>
			<u>31,753</u>	<u>85</u>

STATEMENT NO. 33.

Provident Fund Advances

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance from last Account ..			1,913	00
Payments during the year ..			1,898	00
			<u>3,811</u>	<u>00</u>

STATEMENT NO. 34.

Personal

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance from last Account ..			15,730	70
Miscellaneous ..			1,484	30
A. S. Subscription etc. ..	21,522	00		
Book Sales, etc. ..	29,228	22		
			<u>50,750</u>	<u>22</u>

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1958.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			162	61
Transfer from A. S. General Fund ..			5,000	00
			5,162	61

in Account with A.S.

1958.

Society and its Staff.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			27,714	73
Interest on loss realized during the year ..	63	00		
Staff Contribution for the year ..	1,831	86		
Society's Contribution for the year ..	1,831	86		
			3,726	72
Interest on Investments and from Savings Bank ..			312	40
			31,753	85

in Account with A.S.

1958.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Refunds during the year ..			2,320	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			1,491	00
			3,811	00

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1958.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Cash Receipts during the year—				
Members subscriptions, etc. ..	19,306	00		
Book Sales, etc. ..	25,051	59		
Miscellaneous ..	1,498	99		
			45,856	58
Books returned ..			6	50
Arrears of Members Subscription written off, A. S. ..			240	00
Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			21,862	14

Outstanding	Amount due to the Society		Amount due by the Society	
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Members ..	12,743	00	800	81
Publication ..	12,003	06	1,209	91
Bill Collectors Deposit ..			100	00
Tagore Portrait Fund ..			178	00
Miscellaneous ..	273	00	868	20
	25,019	06	3,156	92

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Publication Fund Account

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Proportionate Share in General			5,000	00
Expenditure			6	50
Books returned			188	00
Monograph			14,089	65
Journal and Proceedings			1,193	00
Kemp's Catalogue			766	50
Printing			3,000	00
Royalty			3	00
Refund				
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
Rs. 10,000, 4% Loan, 1972	10,000	00		
Rs. 20,000, 4% W. B. Loan, 1967	20,000	00		
Surplus at date	54,218	25	84,218	25

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STATEMENT No. 36.

Deposit Account Provident

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance from last Account			3,601	73
Deposit of Interest realized from loans during the year	63	00		
Deposit of Excess Withdrawal	1	39		
Deposit of Contributions during the year	3,663	72		
Deposit of Advances returned	2,320	00	6,048	11
Interest on investments and from Bank			312	40

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in Account with A.S.

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	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance from last Account ..			69,447	43
Grant received during the year ..			4,300	00
Book Sales ..	29,228	22		
Cash Sale of Publication ..	3,168	40		
			32,396	62
Interest realized during the year ..			1,071	45
Grant from N. I. S. I. during the year			1,250	00

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(Savings Bank Deposit with State Bank of India).

1958.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Withdrawal for Staff Advances, etc.			6,419	00
Cost of a Stamp ..			0	06
Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			3,543	18

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STATEMENT No. 37.

Investments

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Balance from last Account ..			4,72,900	00
FUNDS			Value Face Rs.	
THE ASIATIC SOCIETY				
Permanent Reserve				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			2,53,700	
3 % Loan, 1896/97			500	
4 % Loan, 1972			4,950	
3½% National Plan Bond, 1961			10,100	
Temporary Reserve				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			18,000	
4 % West Bengal Loan, 1967			2,000	2,89,250
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1				
4 % Loan, 1972			4,950	
4 % Loan, 1972			5,000	
3½% Treasury Savings Deposit			10,000	
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2				
4 % West Bengal Loan, 1967			5,000	
Barclay Memorial Fund				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			700	
4 % West Bengal Loan, 1967			150	
Servants Pension Fund				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			3,000	
Annandale Memorial Fund				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			4,000	
Permanent Library Endowment Fund				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			14,000	
12 Year National Savings Deposit			1,800	
4 % West Bengal Loan, 1967			8,000	
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			3,000	
Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Fund				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			1,800	
3½% Treasury Savings Deposit			500	
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			3,000	
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			3,000	
Dr. Bruhl Memorial Fund				
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946			1,000	
3½% Treasury Savings Deposit			500	69,400
Carried over				3,58,650

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1958.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Balance as per Balance Sheet ..			4,72,900	00

Carried over ..

4,72,900 00

STATEMENT No. 37 (Contd.)

(3) Investments

Brought Forward

FUNDS	Face Value Rs.	
<i>Dr. Bimala Churn Law Gold Medal Fund</i>		
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000	
3½% Treasury Savings Deposit	500	
<i>Sarat Chandra Roy Medal Fund</i>		
4 % Loan, 1972	4,000	
<i>D. P. Khaitan Memorial Fund</i>		
3 % Loan (1970-75)	10,000	
3½% Treasury Savings Deposit	500	
<i>Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal Fund</i>		
3 % Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000	
<i>Dr. Bimala Churn Law Collection Fund</i>		
4 % West Bengal Loan, 1967	200	
<i>Research Fellowship Fund</i>		
4 % West Bengal Loan, 1967	10,000	
<i>Historical Publication Fund</i>		
3½% Treasury Savings Deposit	20,000	
<i>Sarat Lal Medal Fund</i>		
4 % West Bengal Loan, 1967	850	
<i>Publication Fund</i>		
4 % Loan, 1972	10,000	
4 % West Bengal Loan, 1967	20,000	
<i>Provident Fund</i>		
3 % Loan (1963-65)	5,200	
4 % Loan, 1972	5,000	
3½% Treasury Savings Deposit	8,000	
12 Year National Savings Deposit	4,000	
		1,14,250
		4,72,900

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1958.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Brought Forward			4,72,900	00

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STATEMENT No. 38.

Cash

For the year ended

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To				
Balance from last Account ..	63,637	95		
General Fund Account ..	50,796	68		
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account ..	9,146	25		
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account ..	2,868	05		
Sanskrit Manuscripts fund Account ..	10,440	00		
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account ..	5,000	00		
Barclay Memorial Fund Account ..	25	99		
Servants Pension Fund Account ..	89	50		
Annandale Memorial Fund Account ..	119	50		
Permanent Library Endowment Fund Account ..	479	39		
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund ..	89	50		
Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Fund Account ..	71	18		
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund Account ..	89	50		
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund Account ..	89	50		
Dr. Bruhl Memorial Fund Account ..	47	43		
Dr. Bimala Charan Law Gold Medal Fund Account ..	257	19		
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund Account ..	159	50		
Durga Prasad Khaitan Medal Fund Account ..	316	69		
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund Account ..	239	50		
Dr. Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund ..				
Dr. Bimala Charan Law Collection Fund Account ..	6	17		
Research Fellowship Fund Account ..	7,536	35		
Historical Publication Fund Account ..	697	50		
Preservation of Manuscripts Fund Account ..	1,810	09		
Sarat Lal Medal Fund Account ..	28	61		
Nepal Manuscript Fund Account ..	1,303	50		
Receivers Account ..	12,929	00		
Provident Fund Account ..	3,726	72		
Advances Account ..	2,320	00		
Personal Account ..	45,856	58		
Publication Fund Account ..	9,789	85		
Savings Bank Deposit Account, State Bank of India, Calcutta ..	6,419	00		

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1958.

31st December, 1958.

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By				
General Fund Account			92,852	57
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account			13,307	96
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account			622	40
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account			6,243	82
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account			5,979	74
Barclay Memorial Fund Account			61	30
Servants Pension Fund Account			144	00
Annandale Memorial Fund Account			59	52
Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Fund Account			95	14
Dr. Bruhl Memorial Fund Account			21	58
Dr. Bimala Charan Law Gold Medal Fund Account			474	61
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund Account			467	44
Book Purchase Fund Account			5,841	21
Research Fellowship Fund Account			8,561	99
Preservation of Manuscripts Fund Account			4,025	31
Receivers Account			3,441	59
Building Repairs Fund Account			1,786	25
Provident Fund Account			4,519	61
Advances Account			1,898	00
Personal Account			1,484	30
Publication Fund Account			19,240	75
Savings Bank Deposit Account, State Bank of India, Calcutta			6,048	11
Balance as per Balance Sheet—				
In hand		88	30	
With the State Bank of India, on Current Account		59,146	08	
			59,234	38

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STATEMENT NO. 39.

Balance

As at 31st

	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
LIABILITIES				
General Fund Account			2,64,546	02
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account			14,485	28
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account			12,194	91
Sanskrit Manuscript Fund Account			3,563	47
Barclay Memorial Fund Account			909	79
Servants Pension Fund Account			2,991	79
Annandale Memorial Fund Account			4,201	84
Permanent Library Endowment Fund Account			25,538	63
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund Account			3,526	19
Pramatha Nath Bose Memorial Fund Account			2,410	64
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund Account			3,533	22
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund Account			3,471	71
Dr. Bruhl Memorial Fund Account			1,608	97
Dr. Bimala Charan Law Gold Medal Fund Account			9,014	82
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund Account			4,862	85
Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Fund Account			11,525	53
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund Account			8,908	48
Book Purchase Fund Account			2,158	79
Dr. Meghnad Saha Memorial Fund Account			25	00
Dr. Bimala Charan Law Collection Fund Account			1,009	95
Research Fellowship Fund Account			13,452	50
Historical Publication Fund Account			25,177	64
Rajasthan Fund Account			50	81
Portrait Maintenance Fund Account			633	00
Sarat Lal Medal Fund Account			931	17
Maathir-ul-Umara Index Fund Account			5,000	00
Nepal Manuscript Fund Account			5,552	59
Receivers Account			15,839	41
Building Repairs Fund Account			3,376	36
Provident Fund Account			27,234	18
Personal Account Sundry Liabilities			3,156	92
Publication Fund Account			84,218	25
			<u>5,65,200</u>	<u>71</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the appended detailed accounts with the Books and Vouchers presented to us and report that they are in accordance therewith, and in our opinion, set forth correctly the position of the Society as at 31st December, 1958.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE, PEAT & CO.
Auditors

Calcutta, 27th January, 1959,

Chartered Accountants

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETINGS, 1958

January :

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 6th January, 1958, at 5-15 p.m.

Present :—

Dr. N. Dutt, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.Litt. (Lond.), ... President
(in the Chair),

Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S., ... Vice-President
(took the Chair from item No. 7).

MEMBERS :

Banerji, Abany C.	Karmocar, Kali Charan
Banerjea, N. N.	Majumdar, R. C.
Banerjee, S. M.	Mitra, P.
Bose, A. N.	Mitra, Sisir K.
Chakravarti, Chintaharan	Mukherji, S. C.
Chaudhuri, S. K.	Sen, Nirmal Kumar
Ganguly, J.	Sen Gupta, S.
Jhunjhunwala, Biswanath	

- (1) The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 2nd December, 1957. The General Secretary read the minutes which were duly confirmed.
- (2) The Chairman asked the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary said that 35 books had been added to the Library of the Society in November, 1957 and that they were on the table for members' inspection.
- (3) The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society and appointed Dr. Sisir K. Mitra and Sri S. K. Chaudhuri to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while the balloting was going on the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.
- (4) The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any intended motion, under Rule 49(d). There was none.

- (5) The Chairmān requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council, under Rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows :—

(a) Death—Nil.

(b) Resignations—5.

Sri G. P. Birla	...	(Ord. Member since 3-7-44)
Sri Dilip Kumar Das	...	(Ord. Member since Nov. 56)
Sri Purushottam Dass Halwaskya	Ord. Member since 1-11-43)	
Sri H. H. Tayabjee	...	(Ord. Member since Aug. 53)
Mrs. Ava Gupta	...	(Ord. Member since 2-1-50)

(c) Lapses of election—Nil.

(d) Communication—Nil.

(e) Exhibits—Nil.

- (6) The next item on the agenda was the paper by Sri R. C. Agarwala entitled "Some interesting sculptures from Rajasthan." As Sri Agarwala was not present to read his paper the Chairman said that his paper be taken as read.
- (7) As Mrs. Devala Mitra was not able to be present to read her paper entitled "Ashtamahābhaya-Tārā," the Chairman requested Dr. J. N. Banerjea to comment on some points in her paper. A summary of Mrs. Mitra's paper is given below :

"Tārā, an important goddess in the later Buddhist pantheon, is specially noted for the act of saving her votaries from the eight great perils endangering men. She is known in this aspect as Ashtamahābhaya-Tārā. Literary and epigraphic evidence of the early and late mediaeval period prove that the worship of this form of the goddess was much in vogue among the Buddhists. Many images of this aspect of the deity belonging to the mediaeval times have been recovered from several parts of India, which also prove the prevalence of its worship. It is, however, the Bodhisattva Avalokiteśvara described in the later Buddhist mythology as her consort, who in his aspect of the all-compassionate deity, was originally noted for protecting his worshippers from the eight great perils which are enumerated in the Saddharmapundarika. Extant sculptures of the god belonging to the Gupta period and hailing from Deccan prove this. It is thus certain that some of the active functions and attributes of the Mahākārunika Avalokiteśvara were transferred in course of time to the Saviouress (Tārā) when her worship was introduced in the developed Buddhist cult."

Dr. Banerjea regretted that Mrs. Devala Mitra was not able to read and comment on her paper personally. In the course of an interesting talk on this subject Dr. Banerjea said that the main intention of the writer of the paper was to show how the worship of the goddess Tārā came into vogue in the 5th or 6th century A.D. The introduction of the worship of the goddess in Eastern India may be traced to the 9th and 10th centuries A.D. She is very rarely worshipped in South India.

When Dr. Banerjea had finished his speech many members took part in the discussion that followed, chief among whom were Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Professor Chintaharan Chakravarti and Mr. S. M. Banerjee.

Midway through the reading of the above paper the Chairman, Dr. N. Dutt, took leave of the meeting to attend another important engagement elsewhere, and Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Vice-President, occupied the Chair in his stead.

On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following candidates for membership of the Society and said that they had all been duly elected. He then declared the meeting as closed.

(78) Pusalker, Achyut Dattatreya, M.A., LL.B., Ph.D., Professor and Editor, 111, Russa Road, Calcutta-26.

Proposer: Chintaharan Chakravarty. Seconder: S. Sen Gupta.

(79) Bhattacharya, Sailes Chandra, M.A., Sankhyatirtha, Vedantatirtha, Lecturer, Central Calcutta College, 31, Sova Bazar Street, Hatkhola, P.O., Calcutta-5.

Proposer: S. M. Bhattacharya. Seconder: K. M. Moitra.

(80) Chatterjee, Siva Prasad, M.Sc., T.D.(Lond.), Ph.D., D.Litt., F.G.S., Professor and Head of the Dept. of Geography, University of Calcutta, 133/1-C, Ramdulal Sarkar Street, Calcutta-6.

Proposer: J. N. Banerjea. Seconder: S. K. Saraswati.

(81) Bhattacharjee, Sudhir Chandra, B.A., Assistant Master, Hare School, 19B, Guruprasad Chaudhuri Lane, Calcutta-6.

Proposer: Gopal Halder. Seconder: K. M. Moitra.

(82) Das Gupta, Kalyan Kumar, M.A., Assistant Editor, 'Sahityer Khabar,' Bengal Publishers, 208, Bowbazar Street, Calcutta: 42-1, Sarat Bose Road, Calcutta-20.

Proposer: Bratindra Nath Mukhopadhyay. Seconder: S. K. Saraswati.

February :

An Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 3rd February, 1958, immediately after the termination of the Annual General Meeting.

Members present :—

Dr. N. Dutt, M.A. B.L., Ph.D., D.Litt. (Lond.), F.A.S., M.P.
(in the Chair)

MEMBERS

Bagchi, K. N.	Mitra, Sisir Kumar
Banerjee, S.	Mookerjee, U. P.
Banerjea, J. N.	Moitra, K. M.
Bose, D. M.	Saraswati, S. K.
Chakravarti, P.	Sen, Samar
Chunder, P. C.	Tagore, S. N.
Ghoshal, U. N.	Ukil, A. C.
Majumdar, G. P.	

And a few visitors who did not sign the register.

- (1) The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting held on 6th January, 1958. The General Secretary read the minutes which were duly confirmed.
- (2) The Chairman requested the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary said that 49 books were added to the Library in December, 1957, and these may be inspected in the Library if any member so desired.
- (3) The Chairman asked the General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society, and appointed Dr. Sisir Kumar Mitra and Sri S. K. Saraswati to act as scrutineers.
- (4) While the balloting was going on the Chairman enquired if any member wished to table any intended motion under Rule 49(d). There was no such motion.
- (5) The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows :—

- (a) Deaths—Nil.

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- (b) Resignations—Nil.
- (c) Lapses of Election—Nil.
- (d) Papers—Nil.

- (5) (i) The General Secretary further said: According to Rule 50(v) the Annual Report and the Accounts for 1957 will be discussed for adoption at the next Monthly General Meeting. In the meantime if any Member has any remarks or suggestions to make they may be sent to the General Secretary before that meeting.
- (6) On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following candidates and said that they have all been duly elected as members of the Society :
- (1) Majumdar, B. N., B.A., Lt.-Col., Army Officer, C/o. Lloyds Bank Ltd., New Delhi-1.
Proposer : S. K. Saraswati. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.
 - (2) De, Barun, B.A.(Oxon.), Lecturer in History, University of Calcutta, 55/2, Ballygunge Circular Road, Calcutta-19.
Proposer : Ranajit Guha. Seconder : J. N. Banerjea.
 - (3) Banerjee, Sachindra Kumar, M.A., Professor of History, Central Calcutta College, 4/59/1, Chanditala Lane, Calcutta-40.
Proposer : J. N. Banerjea. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.

March :

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 3rd March, 1958, at 5-15 p.m.

Present :—

Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S., Vice-President
(in the Chair)

MEMBERS:

Biswas, H. K.	Datta-Majumdar, N.
Banerjea, J. N.	Majumdar, G. P.
Banerjee, S. M.	Mitra, P.
Basu, Himadri Sekhar	Mitra, Sisir K.
Chakravarti, Chintaharan	Moitra, K. M.
Chatterjee, H. N.	Mookerjee, U. P.
Chatterjee, M. D.	Mukherjee, B. N.
Chatterji, S. K.	Nag, Kalidas
Chokhani, S. K.	Polk, E.
Ganguly, J.	Roy, A. C.
Gangoly, O. C.	Saraswati, S. K.
Ghose, Joy	Sanyal, Charu Ch.
Hasan, Masood	Sastri, G.
Kar, R. C.	Tagore, S. N.

VISITORS

Moitra, N. M.

Banerji, B. N.

- (1) The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 3rd February, 1958. The General Secretary read the minutes which were duly confirmed.
- (2) The Chairman asked the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary said that 33 books had been added to the Library in January, 1958, and that they may be inspected by members on the table.
- (3) The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society and appointed Dr. S. K. Mitra and Sri S. K. Saraswati to act as scrutineers. The

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ballot papers were then distributed and while the balloting was going on the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

- (4) The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under Rule 49(d).

Thereupon Sri Saumyendranath Tagore tabled the following motion under Rule No. 49(d) :

- (1) That a Committee be appointed at the Monthly General Meeting to be held on the 7th April, 1958, to enquire into the General Administration of the Society and to go into the working of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee of the Society and to suggest steps for the improvement of both.
- (2) That the Committee so appointed shall make a critical appraisal of the Rules and Regulations of the Asiatic Society and recommend to the Council the revision of all such Rules and Regulations of the Society which in the opinion of the Committee need revision. The Committee shall forward its recommendations to the Council within a month from the date of its formation.
- (3) That the Council of the Society shall thereafter place the recommendations of this Committee, together with its own remarks and suggestions before the general members at the next Ordinary Monthly General Meeting to be held on 5th May, 1958.
- (4) That the Committee be formed with the following members :—

Dr. Nalinaksha Dutt	... (President)
Dr. J. N. Banerjea	... (Secretary)
Sri S. Banerjee	... (Treasurer)
Sri Abany C. Banerjee	
Sri Nityanarain Banerjee	
Sri Dwijen Sen	
And the Mover.	

The Chairman said: Sri S. Tagore has tabled a motion, does any member wish to make any remarks? None of the members present made any remark. The Chairman then said that the motion was accepted and would have to come up at a subsequent meeting of the general body of members for discussion.

- (5) The Chairman requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows :—

- (a) Deaths—Nil.

- (b) Resignations—Nil.
- (c) Lapses of Election—Nil.
- (d) Papers—Nil.
- (e) Other Communications—Nil.
- (f) That the Council of the Asiatic Society sanctioned a conveyance allowance at the rate of Rs. 150/- per month to the General Secretary for the period from 1-3-58 to 28-2-59.

(6) The Chairman then said: I will now pass on to the next item on the Agenda.

That the following Committees consisting of the members mentioned against each committee were formed by the Council at its meeting held on the 18th February, 1958.

STANDING COMMITTEES

(a) *Finance Committee:*

The President, The General Secretary, The Treasurer (ex-officio), Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. S. N. Sen, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Mr. Justice N. K. Sen, Sri U. P. Mookerjee, Sri A. B. Gupta, Sri S. M. Banerjee, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Sri Chotelal Jain, Sri S. N. Tagore.

(b) *Library Committee:*

The President, The Treasurer, The General Secretary (ex-officio), Dr. Gourinath Sastri, (Philological Secretary), Dr. M. Ishaque (Joint Philological Secretary), Sri Samar Sen (Physical Science Secretary), Dr. G. P. Majumdar (Biological Science Secretary), Dr. N. Dutt Majumdar (Anthropological Secretary), Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray (Historical and Archaeological Secretary), Dr. Amiya Kumar Bose (Medical Secretary), Dr. B. C. Sen (Library Secretary), Sri S. K. Saraswati (Publication Secretary), Dr. S. P. Sen, Sri R. C. Kar, Sri B. S. Kesavan.

(c) *Publication Committee:*

The President, The Treasurer, The General Secretary (ex-officio), Philological Secretary, Joint Philological Secretary, Physical Science Secretary, Biological Science Secretary, Anthropological Secretary, Historical and Archaeological Secretary, Library Secretary, Publication Secretary, Mr. Justice Binayak Banerjee, Mr. J. H. Adam, Mr. N. A. Ellis, Mr. Said Ahmed Akbarabadi.

(d) *Bibliotheca Indica Committee:*

The President, The Treasurer, The General Secretary (ex-officio), Philological Secretary, Joint Philological Secretary, Dr. S. K.

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Chatterji, Dr. R. C. Hazra, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Sri D. M. Bhattacharya, Mr. Sair Ahmed Akbarabadi, Dr. Sukumar Sen.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

(1) *Cultural*:

The President, The Treasurer, The General Secretary (ex-officio), Sri N. C. Bhattacharya, Dr. S. P. Sen, Sri Tapan Mohan Chatterjee, Sri J. M. Majumdar, Dr. Sisir Kumar Mitra, Sri Abany C. Banerjee, Dr. B. C. Sen, Sri S. N. Tagore, Sri Benoy Ghosh, Indrajit, Dr. Mahadev Prasad Saha.

(2) *Scientific*:

The President, The Treasurer, The General Secretary (ex-officio), Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. R. K. Pal, Sri S. P. Sen, Dr. H. N. Chatterjee, Dr. N. Dutta Majumdar, Sri Samar Sen, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. G. P. Majumdar.

OTHER COMMITTEES

(1) *Membership*:

The President, The Treasurer, The General Secretary (ex-officio), Mr. Justice N. K. Sen, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. P. C. Chunder, Dr. R. K. Pal, Dr. Sisir Kumar Mitra, Sri Chotelal Jain, Sri S. K. Saraswati.

(2) *Building and Lease*:

The President, The Treasurer, The General Secretary (ex-officio), Dr. D. M. Bose, Sri S. K. Ghosh, Sri U. P. Mookerjee, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. P. C. Chunder, Sri Priya Guha.

(3) *Kemp's Catalogue Committee*:— Revision of—

Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. G. P. Majumdar, Sri Samar Sen, Sri S. K. Saraswati, Dr. B. C. Kundu, Dr. A. C. Ukil.

The members present agreed on the personnel of the above Committees and they were duly approved.

With regard to the Library Committee, however, Mr. S. Tagore raised a minor matter as to why the Librarian was not mentioned as a member of this Committee. He thought that it was imperative that the Librarian should be a member of the Library Committee. In the National Library, he said, the Librarian and others are co-opted on the Library Committee. Mr. S. M. Banerjee and Mr. U. P. Mookerjee also joined in the discussion and said that in that case he had to be a member of the Asiatic Society.

The General Secretary pointed out that it had not been the practice in the Asiatic Society in the past for the Librarian to be included as a member of the Library Committee. He is, however, present at its meetings, merely as an employee of the Society, and renders whatever help is needed because he prepares the Agenda. The General Secretary added that the Society should follow the previous practice. Members agreed.

- (7) Discussion and adoption of the Annual Report including Budget Estimates and Accounts as per Rule 50(iv).

The Chairman invited discussion and adoption of the annual report including the budget estimates and accounts. He said that the annual report was placed before the annual meeting in February, 1958, and it is the custom to discuss these at a subsequent monthly meeting.

Sri Saumyendranath Tagore then read certain portions from the annual report and also from the annual address of the President, Dr. N. Dutt, regarding paucity of funds, high prices of foodstuffs, and the inability of the Administration of the Society to give 'adequate succour' to the members of the Staff. He submitted that if there were no funds why should particular members of the staff get increments and others deprived of them. It proved that funds were there. He then referred to the annual report about binding of books and manuscripts and the admission that due to natural causes of decay many of the printed books and manuscripts suffered badly and their condition was far from satisfactory. Why then was the allotment on this account inadequate. When anybody questioned why—the usual answer was paucity of funds. Mr. Tagore pointed out that the income of the Society had increased considerably from revised rentals. This talk then about no funds does not hold. It is most important that valuable manuscripts and books are bound immediately and for this purpose appropriations or loans be taken from the different funds. His estimate was that at least a sum of Rs. 6,000 could be appropriated from the different funds. Mr. Tagore went into details to prove his contention. What was the necessity, he continued, of turning the recently vacated room on the ground floor (vacated by the Indian Science Congress Association) into a special office room. Instead that room might have been used as a stock-room for the valuable manuscripts and rare books of the Library, absolutely going to ruin for want of space. Some of the savings suggested ought to be spent for removal of rare and priceless pictures of the Society and revision of salaries of office staff and lower grade staff.

The Chairman with the approval of the members present said that the discussion on the annual report and budget be postponed to the

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next monthly meeting, as there was a lecture in the hall today at 6 p.m. He also requested Sri Tagore to hand over to the General Secretary a note containing all the points raised by him to enable him to answer them and Sri Tagore agreed to do this.

After this there was some further discussion about the annual report and budget in which Sri U. P. Mookerjee, Sri S. M. Banerjee, Sri S. Tagore and Dr. J. N. Banerjea participated.

The Chairman wound up the debate by requesting the members present to put down their suggestions in writing for consideration by the Council.

- (8) On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following candidates and said that they have been duly elected as members of the Society. He then declared the meeting as closed.

(4) Chatterjee, Ashoke, B.A. (Hons. Econ.), Calcutta; B.A. (Econ. Econ. Trip.), Cambridge; 7, Riverside Road, Burnpur, and 3A, Albert Road, Calcutta.

Proposer : D. M. Bose. Secunder : J. N. Banerjea.

(5) De, Bimal Chandra, B.A., LL.B., 2/3, Chittaranjan Colony, Calcutta-32.

Proposer : Mrs. Nibha Roy. Secunder : Tushar K. Shaha.

April:

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 7th April, 1958, at 5-15 p.m.

Present :—

Dr. N. Dutt, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.Litt.(Lond.), F.A.S., M.P.
(in the Chair).

MEMBERS

Bagchi, K. N.	Gupta, Bani
Banerjee, Abany C.	Indrajit
Banerjee, A. C.	Kanjilal, Anil K.
Banerjee, Anil Ch.	Ishaque, M.
Banerjea, J. N.	Kar, R. C.
Banerjee, S.	Kothari, B.
Banerjee, S.	Majumdar, G. P.
Banerji, Nityanarayan	Majumdar, J.
Basu, Himadri Sekhar	Majumdar, P. C.
Basu, S. P.	Masud, S. M.
Bhaduri, J. L.	Mukherjee, J. K.
Bhattacharyya, A.	Mukhopadhyay, Bratindra Nath
Bhattacharyya, D.	Niyogi, Roma
Bhattacharya, N. C.	Pal, R. K.
Bhattacharyya, Prakas Kumar	Polk, E.
Bhattacharyya, Sanat Kumar	Rahman, Aatur
Bhattacharyya, Sudhir	Ray, Nihar-ranjan
Biswas, Dilip K.	Ray, Sukumar
Biswas, H. K.	Roy Chaudhury, Chittaranjan
Chakravarti, S. C.	Ray Chaudhuri, G. C.
Chakravarti, P.	Saraswati, S. K.
Chatterjee, Hemendra Nath	Sastri, G.
Chatterjee, M. D.	Sen, Benoy C.
Chatterji, Suniti Kumar	Sen, Chitrabhanu
Dhiman, Mehar Chand	Sen, Dipak
Dutt, S. K.	Sen, Khagen
Ganguly, Joydev	Sen, Pulin Bihari
Ganguly, J.	Sen, Samarendra
Ganguly, D. C.	Sen, S. P.
Ghose, J.	Sen Gupta, S.
Ghose, S. B.	Sinha, Manabendra
Ghosh, Manomohan	Tagore, S. N.
Ghoshal, U. N.	Ukil, A. C.

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VISITORS—Nil.

- (1) The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 3rd March, 1958. The General Secretary read the minutes which were duly confirmed and signed.
- (2) The Chairman asked the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary said that 41 books had been added to the Library of the Society in February, 1958. The names of the books are given in detail in the printed notice and they are exhibited on the table for members' inspection.
- (3) The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society and appointed Messrs. Samar Sen and R. C. Kar to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while the balloting was going on the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.
- (4) The Chairman then requested Sri S. N. Tagore to read and move his motion under Rule 49(d), which he had tabled at the last Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 3rd March, 1958.

Thereupon Sri Saumyendranath Tagore read the following motion :—

- (1) That a Committee be appointed at the Monthly General Meeting to be held on the 7th April, 1958, to enquire into the General Administration of the Society and to go into the working of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee of the Society and to suggest steps for the improvement of both.
- (2) That the Committee so appointed shall make a critical appraisal of the Rules and Regulations of the Asiatic Society and recommend to the Council the revision of all such Rules and Regulations of the Society which in the opinion of the Committee need revision. The Committee shall forward its recommendations to the Council within a month from the date of its formation.
- (3) That the Council of the Society shall thereafter place the recommendations of the Committee together with its own remarks and suggestions before the general members at the next Ordinary Monthly General Meeting to be held on 5th May, 1958.

(4) That the Committee be formed with the following members :—

President—Dr. Nalinaksha Dutt.

General Secretary—Dr. J. N. Banerjea.

Treasurer—Sri S. Banerjee .

Sri Abany C. Banerjee.

Sri Nityanarain Banerjee.

Sri Dwijen Sen

and the Mover.

After Sri Tagore had finished reading his motion the Chairman said: 'The motion has been moved ; it has now got to be seconded.'

Sri Bratindra Nath Mukhopadhyay seconded the motion

The meeting was largely attended and a rather lengthy discussion took place, in which the following members participated: Sri S. N. Tagore, Sri S. Banerjee, Sri N. C. Bhattacharyya, Sri Abany Banerjee, Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. G. Sastri, Sri J. K. Mukherjee, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Dr. N. Dutt, Dr. J. N. Banerjea and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri.

Generally, the trend of the discussion by the above-mentioned members centred round Sri Tagore's motion, criticisms of the Rules and Regulations of the Society, publications in the Bibliotheca Indica Series of the Society, administration of the Society, etc.

After the discussion the General Secretary explained to the members present the reasons for the past actions of the Council.

Dr. A. C. Ukil then handed to the Chairman an amendment to the resolution which was duly seconded by Dr. J. L. Bhaduri. The amendment was as follows :—

"That the Council of the Asiatic Society be requested to enquire into clauses 1 and 2 of Sri Tagore's motion, and their decision be placed at the next Monthly General Meeting to be held in July, 1958."

Sri Tagore agreed to the amendment of Dr. A. C. Ukil when the Chairman specifically put this question to him.

Sri Tagore said: I accept the amendment of Dr. A. C. Ukil as suggested in my motion. The amendment should read :

"The Council of the Asiatic Society be requested to enquire into the matter of the General Administration of the Society."

At this point Dr. Nihar-ranjan Ray stood up and said that it was not an amendment but a new motion, and as such it required one month's notice.

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Some discussion took place between Dr. Ray and Sri. N. C. Bhattacharyya and eventually the Chairman ruled that it was not an amendment but a new motion.

The the Chairman said : 'This motion by Sri S. Tagore must be decided by vote. I therefore put this motion to the vote.

Those in favour of Sri Tagore's motion ... 20

Those against ... 33

The vote was taken by show of hands.

The Chairman finally declared that the motion was lost.

(5) The Chairman then said that the other items on the agenda were postponed and would be taken up at the next Monthly Meeting of the General Body of Members.

(6) On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following four candidates, and and that they had all been duly elected as members of the Society, and declared the meeting closed.

(6) Ghoshal, Sailendra Nath, M.A., 80B, Grey Street, Calcutta.
Proposer : J. N. Banerjea. Second : Sukumar Ray.

(7) Biswas, Dr. Kali Prosad, M.A., D.Phil., Professor (Santiniketan),
Viswabharati University.
Proposer : Charu Chandra Sanyal. Second : J. N. Banerjea.

(8) Mitra, Amal, B.A., 4/B, Kartik Bose Lane, Calcutta-6.
Proposer : Shyam Chand Mukherjee. Second : Sachindra
Kumar Maity.

(9) Dutta, Sambhu Nath, B.Com., 17, Dakshindari Road, Calcutta-
28.
Proposer : Shyam Chand Mukherjee. Second : J. N.
Banerjea.

May :

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 5th May, 1958, at 5-15 P.M.

Present:—

Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S., Vice-President.
(in the Chair, up to item No. 5).
Sri S. Banerjee, M.A., C.I.E., I.C.S., Honorary Treasurer,
(in the Chair, from item No. 6).

MEMBERS:

Bagchi, K. N.	Kar, R. C.
Banerjee, Abany C.	Maitra, K. M.
Banerjee, S.	Majumdar, G. P.
Banerjee, S. K.	Mitra, Sisir K.
Banerji, Sudhansu M.	Mukherjee, K. C.
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal	Mukherji, S. C.
Bhattacharjee, S. C.	Pusalker, A. D.
Biswas, H. K.	Saraswati, S. K.
Chakravarti, P.	Sen, Chitrabhanu
Ganguli, J.	Tagore, S. N.
Indrajit	

VISITOR

Kusnal, G.D.

- (1) The Chairman requested the Offg. General Secretary (Dr. G. P. Majumdar) to read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 7th April, 1958. The Offg. General Secretary read the minutes which were duly confirmed.
- (2) The Chairman requested the Offg. General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The Offg. General Secretary said that 46 books had been added to the Library in March, 1958 ; 23 by presentatiin and 23 by purchase and that they are exhibited on the table for members' inspection.
- (3) The Chairman asked the Offg. General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society and appointed Messrs. Indrajit and R. C. Kar to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while the balloting was going on the Chairman proceeded with the other items on the agenda.

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- (4) The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under Rule 49(d). There was none.
- (5) The Chairman requested the Offg. General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 49(g).

The Offg. General Secretary reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths—Nil.

(b) Resignations—Nil.

(c) Lapses of Election—Nil.

(d) Communications—Nil.

(e) Exhibits—Nil.

(f) That the Council of the Asiatic Society appointed the following Research Fellows:—(1) Sm. Mukti Bhattacharya, M.A. in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sri Satya Ranjan Banerjee, Special Research Fellow for the History of Sciences, up to 31st December, 1958, and (2) Sri Phani Bhusan Chatterjee, M.A., and (3) Dr. Mrs. Prabhati Mukherjee, D.Phil. as Special Research Fellow for 'Purana Index' for one year with effect from the date of their joining the appointments.

(g) That the General Secretary had been granted leave for one month from 1st of May, 1958 and that Dr. G. P. Majumdar, Natural History Secretary (Biology) would officiate in his place during the leave period.

When the Offg. General Secretary had finished the announcements Sri Saumyendranath Tagore made a few observations about Sm. Mukti Bhattacharya's temporary appointment. He said that it has been the practice in the Society to have such appointments advertised and the recommendations for appointment ought to come from a sub-committee appointed by the Council for the purpose. The Offg. General Secretary replied that the Council itself acted as a selection body to discuss Sm. Mukti Bhattacharya's qualifications and found her to be the best candidate for the work. In this particular case as will be seen from the notice the appointment was not a new one but in lieu of Sri S. R. Banerjee who resigned. Therefore no advertisement was made as period was less than one year.

- (6) The Chairman then invited discussions and adoption of the Annual Report, including Budget Estimates and Accounts as per Rule 50(iv).

Mr. Abany C. Banerjee referred to a passage in the Presidential Address for 1957 (page 8) with regard to the Survey of Manuscript

libraries in Nepal and made the following queries in connection with the Survey.

- (1) How much had it cost to send this expedition to Nepal and how much it cost the Society?
- (3) What tangible results had been achieved by the preliminary survey conducted by Sri S. K. Saraswati and his party to compensate for the expenditure involved?
- (3) Was the permission of the Central Government sought for this first visit to Nepal, and has any communication been recently received for the Government in this regard?
- (4) Who comprised the Survey party led by Sri S. K. Saraswati? Is it correct that Sri Shyam Chand Mukherjee, who no doubt may be an estimable scholars, has very little or perhaps no knowledge of Sanskrit?

Finally, he asked for an assurance that the second mission should not be sent out until the Central Government's permission had been obtained and that the personnel of the mission should be carefully selected, and should be reported to the General Body of Members.

At this point Sri S. M. Banerji raised a point of order and said that as this particular item in the agenda was concerned with the discussion of the Annual Report, the questions put by Sri Abani C. Banerji were out of order.

The Chairman, however, requested Sri Saraswati to reply to the points raised above.

Sri Saraswati, in course of his reply spoke as follows:

"A short background is necessary, I think, to clarify the issues involved in the above questions. A scheme for a Survey of manuscript libraries in Nepal had been prepared by me at the request of late Dr. Meghnad Saha, and at his instance was sponsored and forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Education by the scheme, discussed it with late Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar and informed the Society in November 1952 that the scheme was being forwarded to the Ministry of External Affairs for the necessary sanction of the Government of Nepal. In July, 1953, if I remember rightly, the Government of India, Ministry of Education, communicated to the Society that the Government of Nepal would have no objection to the conduct of the Survey of manuscripts libraries in Nepal, and that the Government of India was prepared to consider the scheme, subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions by Society. It was further stated that if the Society was agreeable to the conditions it might put forward a proposal for a grant-

in-aid to the Government of India to carry the scheme into effect. The Society accepted the conditions and applied for a grant-in-aid, and later on, as requested by the Government of India, forwarded also a tentative list of manuscripts likely to be microfilmed in course of the Survey. The Government of India sanctioned a grant of Rs. 24,000/- for the scheme, to be paid in two instalments of Rs. 12,000/- each, and requested the Society to proceed immediately in the matter. It was decided to send the mission to Nepal in April-May, 1956 and the Government of India was duly informed of this, but at that time the party could not proceed to Nepal due to the non-availability of microfilms in Calcutta market and for certain defects in Society's microfilm camera that had to be put right. The Government of India was informed of these circumstances, and the Society was requested to send the mission at the earliest opportunity. It was decided to send the party in October, 1956 for a two months' preliminary survey and the Government of India was informed accordingly.

"The party started for Nepal in October, 1956, but on reaching Kathmandu I was informed by the Embassy of India that first of all I would have to secure the permission of the Government of Nepal for my work. I produced the letter of the Government of India of July, 1953 with the clear statement to the effect that the Government of Nepal would have no objection to the conduct of the Survey, but the Embassy felt surprised as, to their knowledge, there had been no communication between the Government of India and the Government of Nepal in this respect. In this connection I may also state that I saw the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of Nepal, and showed him the above letter, and he was also similarly surprised. The Society was immediately informed of this situation with a request to contact the Government of India in this connection. Early in November, 1956, the Government of India authorised the Embassy of India to take up the matter with the Government of Nepal. The question of the permission of the Government of Nepal, I may add here, is still pending.

"It is clear from the above statement that the Society sent the mission to Nepal in October, 1956 on the clear understanding that the necessary permission had been received from the Government of Nepal for the work of the Survey. In several letters the Government of India also expressed solicitations that the Society should send the Survey Mission to Nepal at the earliest opportunity. It is apparent hence, that there is no basis for suggesting that the permission of the Central Government had not been obtained (question No. 3).

At this point Sri Saumyendranath Tagore intervened and said that the question was with regard to any recent communication from the Government of India to the effect that the Society allowed the Mission to proceed to Nepal without obtaining the necessary permission.

Sri Saraswati replied that to his knowledge no communication to this effect had recently been received by the Society.

Sri Saraswati then continued:

"Now with regard to the first question. The first instalment of the grant of Rs. 12,000/- had been received from the Government of India. According to the terms and conditions of the grant the second remaining instalment was to be paid after the completion of the work. The Society was to find only the cost of publication of the Report, so far as this scheme was concerned. It is difficult to say off-hand how much had been spent in connection with the above preliminary survey. So far as I am aware, the amount spent is approximately Rs. 9,000/- inclusive of Rs. 2,000/- for the purchase of films. The amount was met out of the Government of India Grant (question No. 2), and the expenditure is entirely justified as the results of the preliminary survey would indicate."

Sri Saumyendranath Tagore stated at this point that a brief statement of the results might suffice.

Sri Saraswati continued:

"Though in the preliminary survey the party could not examine the materials lying in the custody of the Government of Nepal, I was able to see a number of private collections belonging to monasteries as well as to individuals. Of these, the collection belonging to Field Marshal Sir Kaiser Shamsheer Jang Bahadur Rana had been examined very carefully and scrutinisingly, and we were able to discover many new and important materials pertaining to all the four objects of the Survey, as outlined in the scheme. These materials, of which film had been made, are expected to add greatly to our knowledge of the history and culture of India and Nepal. In December, 1956, I had sent a report on the results of the Survey to the Asiatic Society and to the Government of India. It would be wrong to hold that no tangible results, commensurate with the expenditure involved, had been achieved in this preliminary survey (question No. 2).

"The party consisted of myself, Sri Shyamchand Mukherji, a research scholar of the Society, and Sri Parimal Datta, a photographer. The last two had been selected by the Council. Sri Shyamchand Mukherji passed his B.A., with honours in Sanskrit and his M.A. in

Ancient Indian History and Culture with Epigraphy as one of his special subjects. It would be incorrect to say that he has no knowledge of Sanskrit. What is required in a survey of this kind is an acquaintance with the ancient scripts, and Sri Mukherji, as a student of epigraphy, is eminently suitable for this purpose (question No. 4).

“It is not the fault of the Society that in this preliminary survey the party could not examine the materials lying in the custody of the Government of Nepal. It is this circumstance that has been referred to, as a ‘lacuna’ in the Presidential Address but for this ‘lacuna’ the Society, I feel, is not in anyway responsible.”

Sri Saumyendranath Tagore stated that the members were not generally informed of these matters, nor had they any opportunity to see the relevant documents. Sri Saraswati replied that if the Society had been notified of these questions beforehand the relative papers might have been placed before the members. Besides submitting his report, he had also delivered three lectures in the Society in May-June, 1957 in which he had described the above circumstances, as well as the varied and important results of the Survey. Printed notices of such lectures had been forwarded individually to all members. The Society had always been eager to keep the members apprised of its various activities.

At this stage the Chairman (Dr. U. N. Ghoshal) left the meeting due to a prior engagement elsewhere, and requested Mr. S. Banerjee, Treasurer to take the Chair.

Sri S. N. Tagore then referred to the March Meeting of the General Body of Members at which he discussed the budget and asked for information and clarification on certain items, but they were not forthcoming.

The Chairman requested Sri Tagore to send a notice of his questions in writing. Sri Tagore said that he had already sent a list of items of which he wanted clarifications.

Chairman assured Sri Tagore that replies would be given at the next Monthly Meeting on the points raised in his letter under reference.

Sri Biswas: On page 8 of the Report you will find that Sri Nootbehari Banerjee, Superintendent, was confirmed in his post with effect from 20-9-59. At a Meeting of the Council held on 18-3-57 he was permitted to contribute to the Provident Fund from the date of his appointment. What I want to find is how this permission to contribute to the Provident Fund from the date of his appointment was given

because this cannot apply to temporary hands. Sri Biswas then read out the regulation on this point.

Chairman: This point will be noted.

Sri J. K. Mukherjee: I understand that we are discussing the budget but under the rules the budget should be circulated at the time when the budget is taken up for discussion. I am a member of the Society but I have not received it. May I suggest that the budget after it is drawn up be circulated. Otherwise how can there be any discussion?

Sri S. N. Tagore: According to the rules a copy of the budget should be laid on the table for the members to look into, a fortnight before the discussion starts.

Sri J. K. Mukherjee: My suggestion was that a copy of the budget may go along with the Monthly Meeting.

Sri Abany C. Banerjee: Distribution at the Annual General Meeting is not circulated. What I was suggesting was to make over a copy of the budget direct to the members so as to give them a better opportunity of considering the budget and making their viewpoints known.

Chairman: This budget is a very difficult and complicated affair and many items of income and expenditure have to be gone into. We do not know beforehand what are our resources. Therefore, it cannot be circulated before the Annual General Meeting.

Sri J. K. Mukherjee: It will be better if it is possible to send out the budget to the members early so that they could bring up something better.

Chairman: I see your point. There are certain practical difficulties. The Government of India wants our budget for scrutiny before they can give us a grant. Then there are those members who attend the Annual General Meeting and also those who are away from Calcutta. If any member wishes he can send in his opinion in writing and it will be taken up.

Sri J. K. Mukherjee: What I was saying was—it is good for the members to put their minds together if they were supplied with the budget along with the printed notice. The Society should acquaint the general members about the matter.

Chairman: This suggestion will be noted.

(7) The Chairman then requested Dr. B. K. Chatterjee to read and comment on his two papers, viz:

(1) A comparative Study of Somatometric and Somatoscopic

observations and their racial affinities to the Palivans and the Malapantaram of Travancore and Cochin, and

- (2) Somatometric and Somatoscopic observations and their affinities of the Mannan of Travancore and Cochin.

When Dr. Chatterjee had finished reading his papers the Chairman on behalf of himself and the members thanked him for his suggestive papers which will be published in the Journal in due course.

A summary of Dr. Chatterjee's paper is given below:—

- (1) The comparative study of the somatic characters and Somatoscopic observations of the Palivans and the Malapantaram points out that a considerable affinity was present among them in majority of the characters. The statistical analysis of the Somatic data shows that they are short-statured. The percentage of Palivans with mesocephalic head form was 75.5 while that of Malapantaram with a similar head form was 32.43. The majority of the people of both the groups possessed hypocephalic and acrocephalic types of head. The characteristic type of nose was mesorrhine in both the groups but it should be remarked that a certain percentage of people also possessed leptorrhine noses. The complexion was chocolate brown and the form of the eyes was straight. Supra-orbital ridges were not strongly marked among majority of the people. Concavo-convex type of nasal profile was highest and a considerable number of people of both the groups possessed thick lips and joined lobules of the ear. It should be pointed out that the Palivans possessed rhomboid type of facial contour, whereas oval type of facial contour was noticed among the Malapantaram.
- (2) Somatometric and Somatoscopic study of the Mannan of Travancore and Cochin was carried out during the winter of 1953-54. Somatic data were collected from various hillmen's settlements particularly from Anchal, Chattupara Mannankandom. Statistical analysis of the data revealed that the majority of the Mannan possessed short-stature having dolichocephalic head in association with Acrocephalic and Hypocephalic types. The facial characters were platyopic and meso-prosopic. Although the predominating type of nose was mesorrhine the presence of platyrrhine nose was also equally high. The complexion was dark

chocolate brown. The character of hair was generally slightly wavy, but curly and straight hair were also present. The characteristic type of nasal profile was concavo-convex. Lips were generally thick and chins were positive in majority of the cases. The lobules of the ears were generally joined and it was observed that only among 4.30 per cent of the people possessed Darwin's point. The facial contour was long oval among 34.79 percentage of people, apart from broad-oval, oval, square, long and pentagonal types.

- (8) On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot, for the election of the following candidates and said that they had all been duly elected as members of the Society, and declared the meeting closed:
- (10) Sinha, Bimal Chandra, M.A., Minister, Government of West Bengal, 227/2, Lower Circular Road, Calcutta-20.
Proposer: S. Banerjee.
Seconder: J. N. Banerjee.
- (11) Das, Jogananda, Journalist, 57/1/1A, Raja Dinendra Street, Calcutta-6.
Proposer: S. N. Tagore.
Seconder: Shrimati Tagore.
- (12) Goswami, Kunja Govinda, M.A., Reader in Sanskrit Calcutta University, 8/A, Lake Terrace, Calcutta-20.
Proposer: Anukul Chandra Banerjee.
Seconder: Prabhas Chandra Majumdar.
- (13) Bhattacharya, Ajit Ranjan, M.A., (Triple), D.Phil., Sankhya Vedanta Nyaya Sahitya Sastri, 44, Garpar Road, Cal-9.
Proposer: Anukul Chandra Banerjee.
Seconder: Prabhas Chandra Majumdar.
- (14) Mookerjee, Subodh Kumar, M.A., LL.B., Dip. Lib., UNESCO Fellow, Deputy Librarian, Calcutta University Sudha Nilaya, 30/1, Rajkissen Street, Uttarpara, P.O. Hooghly.
Proposer: D. P. Ghosh.
Seconder: Anukul Chandra Banerjee.
- (15) Sen Gupta, Sukumar, M.A., Sutta-Visarada, 11/2A, Gaur De Lane, Calcutta-12.
Proposer: Prabhas Chandra Majumdar.
Seconder: P. Chakravarti.

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(16) Kundu, Nundo Lall, M.A., Vice-Principal, Maharāja Manindra Chandra College, 41B, Kali Dutta Street, Calcutta-5.

Proposer: Prabhas Chandra Majumdar.

Seconder: C. Chakravarti.

(17) Pal, Pratapaditya, B.A. (Hons.), 86K, Manoharpukur Road, Calcutta-29.

Proposer: Kalyan Kumar Das Gupta.

Seconded: Bratindra Nath Mukherjee.

June :

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 2nd June, 1958, at 5-15 P.M.

Present:—

Dr. Nalinaksha Dutt, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.Lit. (London), F.A.S.,
M.P., President.

MEMBERS:

Banerjee, Abany C.
Banerji, S. M.
Biswas, H. K.
Chakravarti, P.
Chattopadhyay, K. C.
Ghoshal, U. N.
Kar, R. C.
Kanjilal, Anil K.

Maity, S. K.
Maitra, K. M.
Majumdar, G. P.
Mathur, R.
Mukherji, K. C.
Sen Gupta, B. K.
Sen Gupta, J. C.

VISITORS—Nil

Before the commencement of the business of the Monthly Meeting the Chairman announced the death of one of the Society's distinguished Fellows, Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Kt., C.I.E., M.A., D.Litt., F.A.S. He became an Honorary Fellow of the Asiatic Society on the 4th September, 1930. On behalf of the members the Chairman expressed deep sorrow on the demise of the great scholar and historian.

At his request the members stood in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect for one of India's greatest sons.

A copy of this resolution was directed by the Chairman to be sent to the bereaved members of his family.

- (1) The Chairman requested the Offg. General Secretary to read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 5th May, 1958. The Offg. General Secretary read the minutes which were duly confirmed after some amendments had been made in regard to the portion relating to Sri Abany C. Banerjee's query about the manuscript survey of Nepal, and Sri Biswas' question relating to Superintendent's contribution to the Provident Fund of the Society.

- (2) The Chairman asked the Offg. General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The Secretary said that 52 books had been added to the Library in April, 1958, and that they were exhibited on the table for inspection by members.
- (3) The Chairman called upon the Offg. General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society and appointed Sri R. C. Kar and Dr. P. B. Chakravarti to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while the balloting was going on the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.
- (4) The next item being notice of any intended motion under Rule 49(d) by any member, the Offg. General Secretary read the following motion which had been received by him in the name of Sri J. K. Mukherjee:

“Under Rule 49(d) I hereby give notice of the following motion that:—

I. A Committee be appointed at the Monthly General Meeting to be held on the 7th July, 1958, to enquire and report about the details for the last three years with regard to the selection by the Society of Research Scholars and selection of such scholars as are sent to outside stations and countries such as Nepal, etc. The report shall state amongst others, the method of selection of scholars adopted in each case for the last 3 years, the amount spent by the Society for the scholars and on the expedition to Nepal and other places, the results achieved and the benefit derived by the Society; and to suggest appropriate steps which would enable the Ordinary Members of the Society to get all necessary information in this respect. The report of this Committee together with its minutes, remarks and suggestions shall be placed before the general members at the next Ordinary Monthly General Meeting to be held on 4th August, 1958.

II. That the Committee be formed with the following Members:

- (1) Dr. Nalinaksha Dutt, President,
- (2) Dr. J. N. Banerjee, Secretary.
- (3) Sri S. N. Banerjee, Treasurer,
- (4) Sri Abany C. Banerjee,
- (5) Indrajit,
- (6) Sri Saumyendranath Tagore,

- (7) Sri Nirmal Sen, and
- (8) the Mover.

The Mover was not present but the Chairman admitted the motion, no one dissenting, to be personally moved and discussed by the Mover at the next Monthly Meeting of the Society.

- (5) The Chairman then requested the Offg. General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 49(g).

The Offg. General Secretary reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths—2

- (1) Professor J. P. Vogel, Fellow of the Society since 5-2-13.
- (2) Lt.-Col. Lewis Merson Davies, Life Member since 6-8-24.

With regard to (1) Dr. B. C. Sen has been requested to prepare an obituary notice, which will be read out at a subsequent meeting, and (2) a letter has been written to the relatives of the deceased to elicit particulars to enable an obituary to be written out.

(b) Resignations—3

- (1) Sri D. N. Sen ... (Ord. Member since 6-12-36)
- (2) Sri P. R. Bhagat ... (Ord. Member since 2-11-45)
- (3) Mr. Justice Surajit Lahiri (Ord. Member since 4- 6-46)

With regard to (1) and (3) the Treasurer, Sri S. Banerjee, has agreed to request them to withdraw their letters of resignation, (2) Resignation accepted.

(c) Lapses of Election—

The order was: The General Secretary to write letters to members whose elections have lapsed, and also to their Proposers. This is being done.

(d) Communications—Nil.

(e) Exhibits—Nil.

- (6) Discussion and adoption of the Annual Report, including Budget Estimates and Accounts as per Rule 50(iv).

Sri Abany C. Banerjee enquired whether any communication regarding the search of Mss. in Nepal by Sri S. K. Saraswati, has been received by the Society.

The Chairman said that no such communication had been received by the Society.

Sri H. K. Biswas raised the question whether the Superintendent's taking benefit of the Provident Fund scheme from the date

of his joining the Society on probation was in accordance with the Provident Fund Rules of the Society. He was supported by Sri Abany C. Banerjee.

The Chairman himself answered the questions put by these gentlemen. He was emphatic that the Society's interpretation of the rules of Provident Fund was clear and more liberal. Regulation VIII, Rule 1, contemplates two categories of employees: (1) those appointed in a permanent and whole-time post, (2) those not holding permanent post but serving the Society for more than two years. The Council of the Society if it thinks can give the benefit of the Provident Fund even to those of the second category. Here the Superintendent is in a permanent and whole-time post, and he was given the benefit of the Provident Fund after his confirmation with retrospective effect by the Council of the Society. Hence there is no irregularity. He further referred to the rule prevalent in the Calcutta University.

Sri Abany C. Banerjee was insistent that a person appointed in a permanent post on probation cannot join the Provident Fund with retrospective effect.

Professor K. C. Chattopadhyay referred to the practice prevailing in the Allahabad University. He said that formerly the persons confirmed in his appointment were permitted to join the Provident Fund scheme from the date of his joining the post as a probationer. This practice was, however, later revised. He supported the Chairman's contention but he added that the rules of the Society on this point are not clear and needs revision.

As these conflicting views could not be reconciled the President agreed after further discussion that the matter be referred to a competent lawyer.

The Chairman then requested the members not to hold up the adoption of the Annual Report, including Budget Estimates and Accounts, simply because some interpretation of the Provident Fund Rules was being sought.

Sri Biswas said that the Annual Report, etc. cannot be adopted at this stage, while legal opinion was forthcoming about the interpretation of the Provident Fund Rules.

Sri Abany C. Banerjee seconded Sri Biswas in this matter.

After discussion the meeting adopted the Annual Report, including Budget Estimates and Accounts as per Rule 50(iv) subject to the legal opinion about the interpretation of Provident Fund Rules as applied in the case of the Office Superintendent.

- (7) The next item on the agenda was the paper by Professor N. B. Roy about 'A Brahmottara land grant of a Muslim landlord.' As Professor Roy was not present to read his paper the Chairman said that his paper may be taken as read.
- (8) On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following candidates and said that all of them had been duly elected as Members of the Asiatic Society, and declared the meeting closed.
- (18) Bhattacharya, Pt. Kamiakhya Charan, 16, Anath Dey Lane, Calcutta-6.
Proposer: Gaurinath Sastri.
Seconder: P. Chakravarti.
- (19) Roy, Mrs. Aparajita, 10, Lee Road, Calcutta-20.
Proposer: P. Chakravarti.
Seconder: K. M. Moitra.
- (20) Banerjee, Debabrata, 20/5, Aswini Dutt Road, Calcutta-29.
Proposer: Dipak Sen.
Seconder: Bratindra Nath Mukherjee.
- (21) Guha, Hrishikes, M.A., Research Scholar, Calcutta University, 93/1D, Baithakkhana Road, Calcutta-9.
Proposer: Anukul Chandra Banerjee.
Seconder: P. C. Majumdar.
- (22) Khan, M. Saber, M.A. (Triple), A.M. (Michigan), D.Phil. (Oxon), Professor and Head of the Department of History and Islamic History and Culture, Central Calcutta College, Suite 1, Top Floor, 13, Wellesley Street, Calcutta-13.
Proposer: M. Ishaque.
Seconder: Masood Hasan.
- (23) Sinharay, Hari, M.A., Lecturer in Sanskrit, Ranaghat College, 11/B, Chowringhee Terrace, Calcutta-20.
Proposer: Chitrabhanu Sen.
Seconder: D. P. Chatterjee.
- (24) Mukherjee, Sudhamoy, M.Sc. (Cal.), F.R.I.C. (London), Director of Cinchona, West Bengal, 2A, Congress Exhibition Row, Calcutta-17.
Proposer: K. Biswas.
Seconder: G. P. Majumdar.

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- (25) Neff, Arthur Guy, B.Sc., Sales Executive—Standard Vacuum Oil Company, 6, Church Lane, Calcutta-1.
 Proposer: S. K. Saraswati.
 Seconder: G. P. Majumdar.
- (26) Ghosal, Arabindo, M.A., LL.B., M.P., 21, Nilmani Mullick Lane, Howrah.
 Proposer: G. P. Majumdar.
 Seconder: Samar Sen.
- (27) Law, Dr. Subol Churn, M.B., T.D.D., 37, Ramananda Chatterjee Street, Calcutta-9.
 Proposer: Nihar-ranjan Ray.
 Seconder: G. P. Majumdar.
- (28) Bose, Nemai Sadhan, Lecturer in History, Jadavpur University, 51/1, Ramkrishnapur Lane, Howrah.
 Proposer: S. K. Saraswati.
 Seconder: B. N. Mukherjee.

July :

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 7th July, 1958, at 5-15 P.M.

Present:—

Dr. N. Dutt, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.Litt. (London), F.A.S., M.P.,
... (in the Chair).

MEMBERS:

Banerji, Abany C.
Banerjee, A. C.
Basu, S. P.
Bhattacharyya, Bijanbihari.
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal
Bhattacharyya, S. K.
Biswas, H. K.
Chakravarti, P.
Chakravarti, S. C.
Chatterjee, H. N.
Ganguly, J.
Ghose, Benoy
Ghoshal, S.
Indrajit.
Jain, C. L.
Kesavan, B. S.
Khan, M. S.
Kundu, B. C.
Majumdar, J. C.
Mathur, Ramesh.
Mitra, Amal.

Mitra, P.
Mitra, Sisir, K.
Mookerjee, Monotosh
Mookerjee, Rama Prasad,
Mookerjee, Uma Prasad
Mukherji, B. N.
Mukherji, K. G.
Mukherji, Shyam Chand
Pal, Pratapaditya
Ray, Nihar-ranjan
Ray, Sukumar
Roy, Aparajita
Roy, Santosh Kumar
Sastri, G.
Sen, Benoy C.
Sen, Chitrabhanu
Sen, Dipak
Sinha, N. K.
Tagore, S. N.
Ukil, A. C.

VISITORS—Nil

(1) In the absence of the General Secretary, the Chairman requested Sri S. K. Saraswati, Publication Secretary, to read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 2nd June, 1958, and to act for the General Secretary. Sri Saraswati read the minutes which were duly confirmed and signed.

(2) The Chairman asked Sri S. K. Saraswati to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. Sri Saraswati said

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that 51 books had been accessioned to the Library, 32 by presentation and 19 by purchase, and that they were exhibited on the table for members' inspection.

(3) The Chairman then called upon Sri Saraswati to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society and appointed Messrs. Sisir K. Mitra and Indrajit to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were distributed and while the balloting was going on the Chairman said the meeting would proceed with the other items on the agenda.

(4) The next item was the motion standing in the name of Sri J. K. Mukherjee, under Rule 49(d). The Chairman accordingly requested Sri Mukherjee to move and comment on his motion.

After a short discussion, Sri J. K. Mukherjee read out his motion as follows:—

(1) That a Committee be appointed at the Monthly General Meeting to be held on the 7th July, 1958, to enquire and report about the details for the last three years with regard to the selection by the Society of Research Scholars and selection of such scholars as are sent to outside stations and countries such as Nepal, etc. The Report shall state amongst others, the method of selection of scholars adopted in each case for the last three years, the amount spent by the Society for the scholars and on the expedition to Nepal and other places, the result achieved and the benefit derived by the Society, and to suggest appropriate steps which would enable the Ordinary Members of the Society to get all necessary information in this respect. The Report of this Committee together with its minutes, remarks and suggestions shall be placed before the general members at the next Ordinary Monthly General Meeting to be held on 4th August, 1958.

(2) That the Committee be formed with the following Members:—

<i>President</i> —Dr. Nalinaksha Dutta	Sri Abany C. Banerjee
<i>Secretary</i> —Dr. J. N. Banerjee	Sri Indrajit
<i>Treasurer</i> —Sri S. N. Banerjee	Sri Soumyendra Nath Tagore
	Sri Nirmal Sen and
	the Mover.

Sri H. K. Biswas seconded the motion.

After hearing Sri Mukherjee's motion the Chairman requested Sri S. K. Saraswati, on behalf of the General Secretary, to read out the Statement prepared in connection with this matter.

Sri Rama Prasad Mookerjee proposed that the views expressed by the Mover should be recorded in the affirmative by the meeting and therefore moved the following amendment:

"That after taking into consideration the report placed before the meeting on behalf of the General Secretary, it is resolved that this meeting is satisfied that the matter of the selection of Research Scholars of the Society and their work as also about the Scholars sent to Nepal, had been proper and satisfactory, and the Mover be permitted to withdraw his motion.

The above amendment was accepted by the Mover and passed unanimously by the meeting.

(Note:—Before the close of the meeting Sri Rama Prasad Mookerjee suggested that in view of the nature of this motion and the discussion which followed, it was proper that an academic body like the Society should not incorporate the discussion in toto.)

This was agreed to by the members present at the meeting.

(5) The Chairman then requested Sri S. K. Saraswati to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 49(g).

(a) Deaths—2

1. Sri Jadunath Sarkar ... (Hony. Fellow since 4-9-30)

(Note:—Sri Saraswati said that the Chairman reported this item in the last Monthly Meeting.

An obituary notice prepared by Dr. N. K. Sinha as requested by the Chairman previously, was read out by Dr. N. K. Sinha to the Meeting, a copy of which will be found at the end of the Year Book.)

2. Sri Ram Dev Chokhani ... (Ord. Member since 3-5-43)

(Note:—Sri Saraswati said that Sri Chokhani passed away at a good old age of 80. He was one of founders of the Stock Exchange, President of the Marwari Association, life member of Viswa-Bharati and T. B. Association. A great social worker, he was also connected with the Bratachari Movement and the Legislative Council. He also took much interest in the Rajasthani Catalogue of the Asiatic Society for which he procured Rs. 5,000/- from Raja G. D. Birla for the publication of Part I.)

(b) Resignations—6

Tarak Ch. Das	...	...	(Ord. Member since 3-3-47)
Jacques Grellet, ex-Consul-General for France	...	...	(Ord. Member since 6-9-54)
Sir A. C. Lackhart	...	...	(Ord. Member since 1-4-46)
Sri A. Basu	...	...	(Ord. Member since 4-6-46)
Mr. Justice Surajit Lahiri	...	...	(Ord. Member since 4-6-46)
Ram Dev Chokhani	...	...	(Ord. Member since 3-5-43)

(c) Lapses of election—Nil.

(d) Communications—Nil.

(e) Exhibits—Nil.

Sri Saraswati further reported:

(f) That on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of the Asiatic Society has appointed Sri Bratindra Nath Mukherjee as a James Prinsep Research Fellow for one year with effect from 1st July, 1958.

(g) That on the recommendation of the Selection Committee the Council of the Asiatic Society has appointed Sri Kamakhya Charan Chatterjee as a Purana Index Assistant in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. (Mrs.) Prabhati Mukherjee for one year with effect from the date he joins.

(b) That Sri Dwijendraprasad Gupta, B.A., B.T., Dip. Lib., has been appointed as a temporary Senior Technical Assistant to the Library of the Society on a scale of Rs. 125-15/2-200 plus the usual D.A. in place of Sri Sunil Krishna Nag, resigned.

(6) The Chairman then requested Sri Bratindra Nath Mukherjee to read and comment on his paper entitled "A note on a passage in the Allahabad Pillar Inscription of Samudragupta." A synopsis of Sri Mukherjee's paper is given below:

In Harisena's description of the attainments of Samudragupta in the Allahabad Praśasti, there is a passage (line No. 26) which was read by Fleet in this way:—

*"Kṛpana-dīn-ānāth ātura-jan-oddharaṇa
śa (ma)natradīḍṣ-ādy-upagata' manasaḥ"*

Fleet translated it as "whose mind busied itself with the support and the initiation etc., of the miserable, the poor, the helpless and the afflicted."

It has been suggested in this paper that the correct reading of the passage concerned should be "*Kṛpaṇa-dīn-ānāth-atura-jan-oddharana-mantradikṣ-ābhy-upagata-manasah.*" In the light of this passage may be translated as "whose mind was engaged on being initiated to the counted of relieving (the distress) of the feeble, the poor, the orphan and the afflicted persons."

(7) On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following three candidates, and said that they had all been duly elected as members of the Society. He then declared the meeting as closed.

(29) Das, Sri Minaketan, M.A., Lecturer in Mathematics, F. M. College, Balasore, Vill. Goursahi, P.O. Mashra, Dt. Cuttack, Orissa.

Proposer: Satya Ranjan Banerjee.

Seconder: Sham Chand Mukherjee.

(30) Ghosh, Samir Kumar, M.A., Research Associate, Dept. of Anthropology, Govt. of India, Sri Arabindo Road, P.O. Konnagar.

Proposer: Suniti Kumar Chatterji.

Seconder: Sushil Kumar De.

(31) Clarke, Mr. Brian Martin, Mercantile Assistant, 8/2. Burdwan Road, Alipore, Calcutta.

Proposer: J. N. Banerjee.

Seconder: Nihar-ranjan Ray.

August :

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 4th August, 1958, at 5-15 p.m.

Present :—

Dr. N. Dutt, M.A., B.L., Ph.D. D.Lib. (Lond.), F.A.S., M.P.,
(in the Chair). President

MEMBERS:

Chakravarti, P.	Mukhopadhyay, Bratindra Nath
Chatterjee, A. R.	Pal, Pratapaditya
Ganguly, J.	Roy, Aparajita
Maitra, K. M.	Saraswati, S. K.
Majumdar, G. P.	Sen, Chitrabhanu
Mukherji, S. C.	Tagore, S. N.

(1) The Chairman requested the Offg. General Secretary to read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 7th July, 1958. The Offg. General Secretary read the minutes which were duly confirmed.

(2) The Chairman asked Offg. General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society in June, 1958. The Offg. General Secretary said that 51 such books were accessioned to the Library in June, 27 by presentation and 24 by purchase and that they were exhibited on the table for members' inspection.

(3) The Chairman called upon the Offg. General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society and appointed Sri S. K. Saraswati and Dr. P. Chakravarti to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while the balloting was going on the Chairman said that the meeting would proceed with the other items on the agenda in the meanwhile.

(4) The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under Rule 49(d), and observed that the Society did not receive any motion under that rule.

(5) The Chairman requested the Offg. General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Counsel under Rule 49(g).

The Offg. General Secretary reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths—Nil.

(b) Resignations—2

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| 1. Mr. M. E. Lloyd | ... | (Ord. Member since 31-1-55) |
| 2. Sri S. N. Mitra | ... | (Ord. Member since 5-3-45) |

(c) Lapses of Election—5

(d) Papers—Nil.

(e) Exhibits—Nil.

- (f) That the General Secretary, Dr. J. N. Banerjee, has been granted leave for two months from 22nd July, 1958, and that Dr. G. P. Majumdar, Natural History Secretary (Biology), will officiate in his place during the leave period.

(6) The Chairman then requested Sri Bratindra Nath Mukherjee to communicate and comment on his paper entitled—'Indian Museum Coin of Mahākshatrapa Jivadāman: Year 100 or 102—its historical bearing.'

A summary of Sri Mukherjee's paper is given below:—

On the basis of a British Museum Coin of Mahākshatrapa Jivadāman, the date of which was read as 100, Rapson suggested that there was an internecine strife between Jivadāman and his uncle, Rudrasimha I, which continued intermittently. This view has not been generally accepted by scholars as, according to them, the reading of the date on the said coin by Rapson was doubtful. A coin in the Indian Museum, Calcutta, of Mahākshatrapa Jivadāman bears a date which is either 100 or 102, and there can be no doubt that Jivadāman succeeded his father Dāmaghsada as Mahākshatrapa while his uncle Rudrasimha I was Kshatrapa. In 103 Rudrasimha usurped the Mahākshatrapaship apparently after ousting his nephew, and the view of an internecine strife between the uncle and the nephew, as suggested by Rapson, seems to be supported by this coin. In 110 Rudrasimha was ousted from Mahākshatrapa-ship by Ābhira Īśvaradatta who is known to have ruled as Mahākshatrapa for two years. In 112 Rudrasimha regained his position of Mahākshatrapa in which capacity he ruled till 119 and was succeeded by his nephew Jivadāman.

After Sri Mukherjee finished reading his paper the Chairman invited comments, if any, from among the members. Sri S. K. Saraswati made some observations. He clarified some aspects of Mr. Mukherjee's communication, particularly why Rapson failed to notice the date 102 on the coin. He, however, agreed that internecine strife between the monarch and his nephew had been established by Rapson but the various sequences in this story were confused because of his wrong reading of the date on the coin.

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(7) On the report of the scrutineers, the Chairman announced the result of the ballot of the election of the following three candidates and said that they had all been duly elected as members of the Society.

(32) Chatterjee, Nibaran Chandra, M.A., Professor, Surendranath College, 31, Harinath De Road, Block E, Flat 9, Calcutta-9.

Proposer: P. Chakravarti.

Seconder: K. M. Moitra.

(33) Mitra, Hirendranath, M.A., 12/3, Goaltooli Lane, Cal.-3.

Proposer: Mahadev Prasad Saha.

Seconder: Indrajit.

(34) Bose, Sudhansu Kumar, B.Sc.(Cal.), A.R.S.M., B.Sc.(Mining) (Lond.), 19A, Palit Street, Calcutta-19.

Proposer: Chitrabhanu Sen.

Seconder: P. Chakravarti.

Note:—Before the Chairman declared the meeting as closed he said—

“Gentlemen: I have two important news to give. One is that the Jt. Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Dept. of Local Self-Government and Panchayats have declared the land and building at premises No. 1B, Park Street, Calcutta, as land and building used by the Asiatic Society solely for the purpose of education. This means that the Society has been exempted from paying Corporation tax. Our grateful thanks are due to Sri S. Banerjee, Hony. Treasurer of the Society, for bringing this matter strongly to the notice of the State Government of West Bengal.

“Secondly, the Society is finding difficulty in getting sufficient suitable articles for the Science part of the Journal of the Society. The Councils therefore have decided to combine the two series of the Journal into one to be named—*Journal of the Asiatic Society* from 1959.”

September :

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 1st September, 1958, at 5-15 p.m.

Present :—

Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S., Vice-President
(in the Chair)

MEMBERS:

Banerjee, Nityanarayan.
Basu, S. P.
Chakravarti, P.
Chakravarti, S. K.
Chattopadhyay, K. P.
Ganguly, J.
Ghosh, Samar

Majumdar, G. P.
Mukherji, B. N.
Mukherji, Shyam Chand,
Ray, Aparajita,
Singh, Hardatta Rai,
Tagore, S. N.

VISITORS:

Chattopadhyay, G. C.
Gidwaney, S. G.

Mukherjee, G. P.
Naulakha, S. K.

Before the commencement of the proceedings of the meeting, the Chairman requested Sri S. K. Saraswati to read out the obituary notice prepared by him of the late Sir John Marshall, Special 150th Anniversary Honorary Member of the Society since 15-1-34. Sri S. K. Saraswati read the notice, a copy of which will duly appear in the Year Book.

After this the Chairman requested everybody present to stand up in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect to one of its distinguished members who had rendered signal service to the cause of India in the field of Archaeology. Members stood in silence as requested.

(1) The Chairman requested the General Secretary (Offg.) to read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 4-8-58. The General Secretary read the minutes which were duly confirmed.

(2) Chairman asked the General Secretary (Offg.) to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary said, that 51 books had been added to the Library of the Society, 27 by presentation and 24 by purchase, and that they were exhibited on the table for members' inspection.

(3) The Chairman called upon the General Secretary (Offg.) to read the name of the candidate for membership of the Society and appointed Sri S. K. Saraswati and Dr. P. Chakravarti to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while the balloting was going on the Chairman passed on to the other items on the agenda.

(4) The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under Rule 49(d).

Sri Saumyendranath Tagore requested the Chair's permission to point out a little discrepancy which crept into the minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held in July, 1958, when Sri J. K. Mukherjee had moved a motion and later after some discussion withdrew the same. Sri Tagore's point was if a motion was withdrawn where was the need for an amendment by Sri Rama Prasad Mookerjee. He asked for a ruling from the Chair.

General Secretary: In view of the fact that the minutes to which Sri Tagore refers had been confirmed the point raised by him today does not arise.

Sri S. N. Tagore: I do not however wish to press on that point.

Chairman: This matter cannot arise as it is not in the agenda of this meeting.

(5) After this the Chairman requested the General Secretary (Offg.) to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 49(g).

The General Secretary (Offg.) reported as follows:—

(a) Deaths—3

1. Sir John Marshall, C.I.E. Special 150th Anniversary
Honorary Member since
15-1-34.

Recipient of Dr. B. C. Law
Gold Medal in 1946. (Vide
above.)

2. Sachindra Mohan
Bhattacharya ...

Life Member since 7-5-45.

3. F. Maitland ...

Life Member since 3-6-46.

(b) Resignations—Nil.

(c) Lapses of Election—5

(d) Communications—Nil.

(e) Exhibits—Nil.

The General Secretary reported further:

That the Council of the Asiatic Society has elected Professor Nirmal Kumar Bose, M.Sc. as Anthropological Secretary for the remaining period of the year in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. N. Dutt-Majumdar.

That on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the Council of the Asiatic Society has appointed Sri Kalyan Kumar Das Gupta as a James Prinsep Research Fellow for one year with effect from the date of his joining the appointment, *i.e.*, 1-9-58. He has reported himself from today.

(6)(a) The Chairman then requested Professor K. P. Chattopadhyay to read and comment on his paper entitled 'The Bondo Tree Press and its links.' A summary of Professor Chattopadhyay's paper is given below:—

In this paper the writer described a Tree Press for pressing out oil as observed by him among the Bondus in their villages at the base of Bondo Hills in Koraput district in Orissa. The author pointed out the distribution in India of this primitive Tree Press which he had earlier described among Santals and others. One of his students, he said, gave him details of the Tree Press as found in Ceylon, and another of his students described the Plank Press in Rajasthan. A discussion of the significance of the Tree Press and the more evolved Plank Press followed. Prof. Chattopadhyay made use of philological terms to show how the widespread use of these methods for extraction of oil from oil-seeds seemed to have a common relationship throughout the villages of India and Ceylon. He also showed the members illustrations and a map in connection with the use of these types of Tree and Plank Presses.

After Professor Chattopadhyay had finished his speech the Chairman thanked him on his own and on behalf of the members and said that whether these types of presses were of Austric, Dravidian or Indo-Aryan origin, future students of this important topic would find in it a very interesting subject of research.

(b) The Chairman next requested Sri Shyam Chand Mukherjee to read and comment on his paper entitled 'Some observations on the Mallasurul Copper-plate.' A summary of Sri Mukherjee's paper is given below:—

The Mallasurul C. P. Ins. has engaged the attention of many scholars, and some interesting deductions have been made by them on its basis. The purpose of this short paper is to offer fresh suggestions about the following topics.

A. The soul, affixed to the C. P., and the invocatory verses.

In my opinion the deity represented on the seal may be identified with Avalokitesvara-Lokanatha who has imbibed many traits of Vasudeva-Vishnu. The above verses may be interpreted in the light of Brahmanical religion. Emendations of some words have also been made wherever necessary.

B. Identifications of place-names.

C. Designations of officials with the administration of 'bhukti.'

D. Terms referring to the boundary-posts.

After Sri Shyam Chand Mukherjee had finished reading and commenting on his paper, the Chairman invited discussion on the subject.

Sri S. K. Saraswati said that he had gone through the scholar's paper. He advanced some useful suggestions. In the present state of knowledge about this important subject he thought it might be better if Sri Mukherjee gave exact designations of the officials mentioned. Indeed the subject required further scrutiny and deep study.

The Chairman then thanked Sri Mukherjee for the thoroughness of his work. However the various points raised by him would require many years of research to arrive at an exact solution of the difficult question involved.

(c) The Chairman then requested Sri Gouranga Chattopadhyay to read and comment on his paper entitled 'Some changes in Oraon Marriage Customs.' A summary of his paper is appended.

Sri Chattopadhyay said that the 'changes in Oraon Marriage customs' might be canalized into three directions: (i) age of marriage has been advanced; (ii) modern transport with its consequent wayside shops have contributed not a little to these changes; and (iii) negotiation rights by both houses, *i.e.* of the bride's as well as the bride-groom's, which is borrowed from the Hindoos.

Added to this Sri Chattopadhyay spoke from his paper about some changes in Oraon Marriage Customs basing their work on (a) several cases of observation of actual marriage ceremonies studied by participant observation method, and (b) analysis of over a hundred cases of marriages from genealogies collected by them.

The changes have been pointed out by comparing the cases studied by them with the earlier description of Sarat Chandra Ray.

After Sri Gouranga Chattopadhyay had finished his interesting speech the Chairman thanked him for his paper and advised him to pursue his studies using the same methods as stated above.

(7) On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following candidate and said that he has been duly elected as a member of the Society, and declared the meeting as closed.

(35) Pal, Anil Chandra, M.A. in Pali, 95/B, Beltala Road, Calcutta-26.

Proposer: Anukul Chandra Banerjee.

Seconder: Probhas Chandra Majumdar.

December :

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 1st December, 1958, at 5-15 p.m.

Present :—

Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S., Vice-President.

MEMBERS:

Bagchi, K. N.	Ghosh, Samir,
Banerjea, J. N.	Gupta, P. C.
Banerjee, S. M.	Ganguly, J.
Basu, U. P.	Khan, M. S.
Bose, A. K.	Mitra, Sisir Kumar,
Bose, Nirmal Kumar,	Naqvi, S.
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal,	Saraswati, S. K.
Biswar, H. K.	Tagore, S. N.
Chakravarti, P.	Ukil, A. C.
Dunker, R.	

(1) The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 1-9-58. The General Secretary read the minutes which were duly confirmed.

(2) The Chairman announced that the list of 72 books presented to and purchased by the Society during August, September and October, 1958, has been printed in the back of the printed agenda and they have been exhibited on the table for members' inspection.

(3) The General Secretary reported that under Rule 7, the 8 candidates as stated in the printed agenda had been elected as members of the Society by the Council in September, 1958 as October and November were recess months and no meetings were held. The members agreed.

(4) The Chairman asked the General Secretary to read out the names of the candidates for membership of the Society for December, 1958, and appointed two scrutineers, viz. Dr. P. C. Gupta and Sri Sisir Kumar Mitra. The General Secretary said that the voting papers were there and will be supplied to the members. While the ballot papers were being distributed the Chairman proceeded with the other items on the agenda.

(5) The Chairman then enquired if any member wished to give notice of any intended motion under Rule 49(d). There was none.

However, Professor N. C. Bhattacharyya and Sri Biswas raised informal questions reminding the Society about their previous suggestions made at earlier monthly meetings, *viz*:—

- (1) Annual Tea Party for Members of the Society and Scholars as had been held some time ago. This matter had already been decided by the Council and the Monthly Meeting, and Professor Bhattacharyya thought there was no need for a fresh motion. But since nothing had been done he requested the authorities to move in the matter early so that it would not be necessary to table a new motion.
- (2) Sri H. K. Biswas reminded that the last Budget Estimates were passed this year conditionally upon the Society taking measures to give a satisfactory report about the Provident Fund contribution of the Superintendent with retrospective effect from the date of his joining the Society.

In this connection Sri Biswas enquired whether the legal opinion in this matter had arrived. The General Secretary informed him that the legal opinion had not yet been received and that the matter was being followed up.

The General Secretary assured both these members that steps are being taken to regularize the matters raised.

(6) The Chairman next requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:

(a) Deaths—Nil.

(b) Resignation—1

A. Niyogi ... (Ord. Member since 6-2-56)

(c) Lapses of Election—1

(d) Communications—Nil.

(e) Exhibits—Nil.

(7) The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to make arrangements for the reading of the following papers:—

(i) New Data on the Radio Waves from Sunspots by Korolkov and N. Soboleve.

(ii) A Note on the Nesari Copper Plate grant of Rāshtrakūta Govinda II by Dr. G. S. Gai.

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The General Secretary intimated that the writers of these two papers have not been able to be present, and as they were highly technical in character it was not possible to make arrangements for reading them by somebody else. They may however be taken as read. The members agreed.

(8) On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following two candidates and stated that they have both been duly elected as members of the Society, and declared the meeting as closed.

(44) MacDonald, D. A., Attache au Centre de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris, C/o. Chartered Bank, Post Box 40, Calcutta-1.

Proposer: J. N. Banerjea.

Seconder: A. D. Pusalker.

(45) Basu, Jitendra Nath, M.A.(Cal), Dip-in-Journ.(Cal.), 1B, Durga Charan Doctor Road, Calcutta-14.

Proposer: S. K. Saraswati.

Seconder: B. N. Mukherjee.

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24-9-57)

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N.B.—The names marked with asterisks (*) are new proposals in place
of the retiring members.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF ORDINARY MEMBERS—1958

Date of Election	
1-12-58	<i>Acharyya, Snehangshu Kanta</i> , B.A., Barrister-at-Law, M.L.C., Baker Road, Alipore.
2-6-58	<i>Banerjee, Debabrata</i> , 20|5, Aswini Dutt Road, Calcutta-29.
3-2-58	<i>Banerjee, Sachindra Kumar</i> , M.A., Professor of History, Central Calcutta College, 4|59|1, Chanditala Lane, Calcutta-40.
5-5-58	<i>Bhattacharya, Ajit Ranjan</i> , M.A. (Triple), D.Phil, Sankhya Vedanta Nyaya Sahitya Sastri, 41, Garpar Road, Cal-9.
2-6-58	<i>Bhattacharya, Pt. Kamakhya Charan</i> , 16, Anath Dev Lane, Calcutta-6.
6-1-58	<i>Bhattacharya, Sailes Chandra</i> , M.A. (Sanskrit), M.A. (Modern Indian Language, Bengali), Sankhyatirtha, Vedantatirtha, Lecturer, Central Calcutta College, 31, Sova Bazar Street, Hatkhola, P.O. Calcutta-5.
6-1-58	<i>Bhattacharjee, Sudhir Chandra</i> , B.A., Asst. Master, Hare School, 198, Guruprasad Chaudhuri Lane, Calcutta-6.
7-4-58	<i>Biswas, Kali Prosad</i> , M.A., D.Phil., Professor, (Santiniketan), Viswabharti University.
2-6-58	<i>Bose, Nemai Sadhan</i> , Lecturer in History, Jadavpur University, 51|1, Ramkrishnapur Lane, Howrah.
4-8-58	<i>Bose, Sudhansu Kumar</i> , B.Sc. (Cal.), A.R.S.M., B.Sc. (Mining) (Lond), 19A, Palit Street, Calcutta-19.
3-3-58	<i>Chatterjee, Ashoke</i> , B.A. (Hons. Econ.), Calcutta: B.A. (Econ. Trip.), Cambridge; 7, Riverside Road, Burnpur, and 3A, Albert Road, Calcutta.
4-8-58	<i>Chatterjee, Nibaran Chandra</i> , M.A., Professor, Surendranath College, 31, Harinath De Road, Block E, Flat 9, Cal-9.
7-7-58	<i>Clarke, Brian Martin</i> , Mercantile Assistant, 8|2, Burdwan Road, Alipore, Calcutta.
5-5-58	<i>Das, Jogananda</i> , Journalist, 57|1|1A, Raja Dinendra Street, Calcutta-6.
1-12-58	<i>Das Gupta, Aloke Ranjan</i> , M.A., Lecturer, Department of Comparative Literature, University of Jadavpur, Jadavpur.
6-1-58	<i>Das Gupta, Kalyan Kumar</i> , M.A., Asst. Editor, 'Sahityer Khabar,' Bengal Publishers, 208, Bowbazar Street, Calcutta; 42-1, Sarat Bose Road, Calcutta-20.
3-2-58	<i>De, Barun</i> , B.A. (Oxon), Lecturer in History, University of Calcutta, 55|2, Ballygunge Circular Road, Calcutta-19.
3-3-58	<i>De, Bimal Chandra</i> , B.A., LL.B., 2|3, Chittaranjan Colony, Calcutta-12.
7-4-58	<i>Dutta, Sambhu Nath</i> , B.Com., 17, Dakshindari Road, Cal-28.
7-7-58	<i>Ghosh, Samir Kumar</i> , M.A., Research Associate, Dept. of Anthropology, Government of India, Sri Arabindo Road, P.O. Gonnagar.
1-12-58	<i>Ghosh Roy Chaudhury</i> , Amiya, B.A., 141A, South Sinthee Road, P.O. Cossipur, Calcutta.
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- 3-2-58 *Majumdar, B. N., B.A., Lt.-Col.*, Army Officer, C/o Lloyds Bank, Ltd., New Delhi-1.
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15-1-34	Einstein, Albert, C/o Princeton University, New Jersey, U.S.A.
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7-2-44	Hill, Professor, A. V., F.R.S., 16, Bishopswood Road, High Gate, London, W. 6

Date of Election	(Letters)
	<i>150th Anniversary Occasion</i>
15-1-34	Marshall, Sir John H., Kt., C.I.E., Litt.D., F.B.A., C/o Messrs. Grindlay & Co., Ltd., 54, Parliament Street, London.
15-1-34	Hosain, Professor Taha, Cairo.
15-1-34	Christensen, Professor Arthur, 62, Raadhusvej, Charlottenlund, Denmark.
15-1-34	Kan, J. Van, President, Royal Society of Arts and Letters, Batavia, Java.
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7-2-44	Fong-Kwei, Li, Fellow, Academia Sinica, Chungking, China.

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Date of Election	
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4-9-39	The Most Hon'ble The Marquess of Zetland, K.G., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., LL.D., D.Litt., F.B.A., F.A.S., Aske, Richmond, Yorkshire, England.
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6-2-28	Prasad, B., O.B.E., D.Sc., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.A.S.
6-2-28	Bentley, C. A., C.I.E., M.B., D.P.H., D.T.M., & H., F.A.S.
3-2-30	Mills, J. P., C.I.E., I.C.S., M.A., J.P., F.N.I., F.A.S.
2-2-31	Chopra, Lt.-Col. Sir R. N., Kt., C.I.E., M.A., M.D., Sc.D., F.N.I., F.A.S.
2-2-31	Whitehead, R. B., Litt.D., F.A.S.
1-2-32	Bacot, J., F.A.S.
6-2-33	Brown, Percy, O.B.E., A.R.C.A., F.A.S.
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5-2-34	Wadia, D. N., M.A., B.Sc., F.R.G.S. F.N.I., F.A.S.
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5-2-40	Ghoshal, U. N., M.A., Ph.D.
5-2-40	Law, B. C., M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.Lit., F.R.G.S., F.A.S.
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2-2-48	Percival, P. G., C.B.E., Ph.D., F.G.S., F.A.S.
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5-2-51	Mitra, S. K. D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S.
5-2-51	Auden, J. B., M.A. (Cantab.), Sc.D., F.G.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.
5-2-51	Dutt, Nalinaksha, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.Litt. (London), F.A.S.
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3-2-58	Biswas, K. P., M.A., D.Sc. (Edin.), F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.B.S., F.A.S.

PRIZE AND MEDALS

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	Surendranath Maitra.	1932	P. N. Das Gupta.
1907	Akshoykumar Mazumdar.	1933	Nirmalkumar Sen.
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	Nilratan Dhar.	1944	S. K. Chakravarti.
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The medal named after Surgeon-Major Arthur Barclay (a member of the Society from 1882 till his death in 1891) is ordinarily awarded each alternate year on a person who has made conspicuously important contributions to Medical or Biological Sciences with special reference to India.

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- 1901 Green, E. Ernest.
 1903 Ross, Sir Ronald, Kt., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.R.C.S., F.R.C.S., D.P.H., LL.D., D.Sc., M.D., F.R.S.
 1905 Cunningham, D. D., C.I.E., F.R.S.
 1907 Alcock, A. W., C.I.E., M.B., LL.D., F.R.S.
 1909 Prain, Sir David, Kt., C.I.E., G.M.G., M.A., LL.D., F.R.S.E., F.L.S., F.Z.S., M.R.I.A., F.R.S.
 1911 Diener, Carl.
 1913 Liston, William, Glen, C.I.E., M.D., D.P.H.
 1915 Gamble, J. S., C.I.E., M.A., F.R.S.
 1917 Godwin-Austin, H. H., F.R.S., F.Z.S., F.R.G.S.
 1919 Annandale, N., C.I.E., D.Sc., C.M.Z.S., F.L.S., F.R.S.
 1921 Rogers, Sir Leonard, Kt., C.I.E., M.D., B.Sc., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.
 1923 Christopher, Sir Samuel, Kt., C.I.E., O.B.E., F.R.S., M.B.
 1925 Stephenson, J., C.I.E., B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.E.
 1927 Kemp, S. W., B.A., D.Sc., F.R.S., F.A.S.
 1929 Howard, Sir Albert, Kt., C.I.E., M.A.
 1931 Sewell, R. B. S., C.I.E., M.A., Sc.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.Z.S., F.L.S., F.A.S., F.R.S.
 1933 Row, R., O.B.E., D.Sc.
 1935 Sahni, B., M.A., Sc.D., D.Sc., F.G.S., F.R.S.
 1937 Chopra, Sir R. N., Kt., C.I.E., M.A., M.D., F.A.S.
 1939 McGarrison, Sir R., Kt., C.I.E., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.F., LL.D., K.H.P.
 1941 Prain, Sir David, Kt., C.M.G., C.I.E., M.A., LL.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.S., F.L.S., F.Z.S., M.R.I.A.
 1943 Brahmachari, Sir U. N., Kt., Rai Bahadur, M.A., M.D., Ph.D.,
 1945 Pruthi, Hem Singh, M.Sc., Ph.D., (Cantab.), N.N.I., F.A.S.
 1947 Mehta, K. C., M.Sc., Ph.D., Sc.D. (Cantab.), Rai Bahadur.
 1949 Krishnan, V., M.B.B.S., M.R.C.P., D.Sc., F.N.I.
 1951 Ukil, A. C. M.B., (Cal.), M.S.P.E., F.S.M.F.B., (*Honoris Causa*), F.N.I., F.A.S.
 1953 Bose, S. R., Ph.D., F.N.I.
 1953 Bagchee, K. D., D.Sc., (London), F.N.I.
 1955 Mukherji, B., D.Sc., M.D., F.N.I.
 1957 Mitra, Subodh, M.B., M.D. (Berlin), F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.C.O.G., F.A.Sc.,

SIR WILLIAM JONES MEMORIAL MEDAL

In April, 1926, Dr. (later Sir) Rai Upendranath Brahmachari Bahadur, acting President of the Asiatic Society made over to the Society

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- 1927 Watson, Sir Malcolm, Kt., LL.D., M.D., C.M., D.P.H.
- 1928 Grierson, Sir George, A., K.C.I.E., O.M., Ph.D., D.Litt., F.B.A.
- 1930 D'Herelle, Felix H.
- 1832 Hurgronje, C. Snouck.
- 1934 Brahmachari, Sir U. N., Kt., Rai Bahadur, M.A., M.D., Ph.D., F.S.M.F., F.A.S.
- 1937 Wensinck, A. J.
- 1940 Ray, Sir Prafullachandra, Kt., C.I.E., D.Sc., F.A.S., F.N.I.
- 1943 Radhakrishnan, Sir Sarvepalli, Kt., M.A., D.Litt., F.B.A.
- 1947 Saha, Professor M. N., D.Sc., F.R.S., F.A.S.
- 1953 Bloch, Professor Jules,
- 1956 Chopra, Lt.-Col. Sir R. N., Kt., C.I.E., M.A., M.D., F.A.S.

ANNANDALE MEMORIAL MEDAL

In April, 1924, the Council of the Asiatic Society started a fund called the Annandale Memorial Fund, to perpetuate the memory of Dr. N. Annandale, F.R.S., who was President of the Society in the year 1923 and died on the 10th April, 1924. The Council resolved to award triennially a gold medal for anthropological work in Asia.

Recipients

- 1930 Seligman, Charles, Gabriel, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.
- 1933 Dubois, Eugene.
- 1936 Hutton, John Henry, C.I.E., M.A., D.Sc., F.A.S.
- 1939 Weidenretch, Frank.
- 1942 Guha, B. S., M.A., Ph.D., F.N.I., F.A.S.
- 1945 Sewell, Lt.-Col., R. B. S., C.I.E., M.A., Sc.D., (Cantab.), M.R.C.S., I.R.C.P., F.Z.S., F.L.S., F.R.S., F.A.S., F.N.I.
- 1948 Bose, Nirmalkumar, MSC.
- 1951 Elwin, Verrier, D.Sc. (Oxon.), F.N.I., F.R.A.C., F.A.S.
- 1954 Von Koenigawald, Professor, G. H. R., University of Utrecht.
- 1957 Majumdar, Professor, D. N., M.A., Ph.D. (Cantab.), F.N.I.

JOYGOBIND LAW MEMORIAL MEDAL

In March, 1929, Dr. Satyachurn Law made over to the Asiatic Society in memory of the late Mr. Joygobind Law, C.I.E., a donation of Rs. 2,050 for the creation of an endowment for the triennial award of a medal for conspicuously important work on Zoology in Asia.

Recipients

- 1929 Waber, Max.
- 1932 Hartert, Ernst J. O., Ph.D.
- 1935 Berg, Leo Semenowitch.
- 1938 Prasad, Baini, O.B.E., D.Sc., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.A.S.
- 1941 Bahl, K. N., D.Sc., D.Phil., F.N.A., F.A.S.
- 1944 Hora, S. L., D.Sc., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.A.S.
- 1947 Leiven Ferdinand De Beaufort.
- 1953 Ali, Salim.
- 1956 Roy, H. N., M.Sc., F.R.S., Ph.D., (Lond.), F.N.I.

PAUL JOHANNES BRUHL MEMORIAL MEDAL

In 1928, the 'Brühl Farewell Committee' in Calcutta donated to the Asiatic Society an amount of Rs. 1,000 in 5½% G. P. Notes for the purpose of creating an endowment for the triennial award of a medal to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Paul Johannes Brühl, D.Sc., F.C.S., F.G.S., who was a Life Member (1909) and a Fellow of the Society from 1912 to his death in 1934. "In accordance with the terms of the endowment the medal is to be awarded to the author of the most meritorious piece of original research in any branch of Botany with reference to the Indian Empire".

Recipients

- 1931 Blatter, Ethelbert, S. J.
- 1934 Burkill, Isaac Henry, M.A.
- 1938 Prain, Sir David, Kt., F.R.S.
- 1942 Ayyangar, R. B. G. N. Rangaswami, F.N.I.
- 1944 Bor, N. L., D.Sc.
- 1947 Bose, Professor, S. R., M.A., Ph.D., F.N.I.
- 1952 Biswas, K. P., M.A., D.Sc., (Edin.), F.R.S.E.
- 1954 Chatterjee, Debabrata, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Edin.), F.L.S.
- 1957 Majumdar, G. P., M.Sc., B.L., Ph.D., F.N.I., F.A.S.A., F.B.S.

PRAMATHANATH BOSE MEMORIAL MEDAL

In 1935, Sir B. L. Mitter kt., on behalf of the P. N. Bose Memorial Committee, made over to the Society Rs. 1,800 in G. P. Notes for the purpose of creating an endowment for the institution of a medal in memory of the late Mr. Pramathanath Bose to be awarded triennially to a person for conspicuously important contribution to the study of Geology with special reference to Asia.

Recipients

- 1943 Fermor, Sir Lewis, L., Kt., F.R.S.
- 1947 Wadia, D. N., M.A., F.R.G.S., F.A.S., F.N.I.
- 1950 West, W. D., M.A., Sc.D. (Cantab.), F.N.I., F.A.S.
- 1957 Auden J. B., M.A. (Cantab.), Sc.D., F.G.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.
- 1954 Heron, A. M., D.Sc., (Edin.), F.G.S., F.R.G.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.
- 1957 Krishnan, M. S., M.A., Ph.D., A.R.C.S., D.I.C., F.N.I.

SIR JADUNATH SARKAR GOLD MEDAL

In 1947, Dr. Bimalachurn Law, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.Lit., F.R.G.S. the President and a Fellow made over to the Society 3% G. P. Notes to the face value of Rs. 8,000 for the creation of an endowment for the biennial award of a gold medal to be named after Sir Jadunath Sarkar to a person who is considered to have made conspicuously important contributions to any of the following subjects: (a) History, (b) Religion, (c) Art, (d) Archæology, and (e), Literature with special reference to India from the thirteenth century A.D. up to 1802 A.D.—the year of the Treaty of Bassein.

Recipients

- 1947 Pissurlenker, Sir S. S., Panduranga, Kt.
- 1949 Gupta, Hari Ram, M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt.
- 1951 Qanungo, Kalikaranjan, M.A., Ph.D.
- 1952 Srivastava, Ashirbadilal, M.A., Ph.D.
- 1955 Gangoly, O. C., B.A., F.A.S.
- 1957 Sardesai, G. S., B.A., D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*).

DURGA PRASAD KHAITAN MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL

In 1946, Mr. Tulsi Prasad Khaitan, an Ordinary Member of the Society, donated a sum of Rs. 10,000 in cash to the Asiatic Society for the creation of an endowment for the award of a gold medal to perpetuate the memory of his father, the late Mr. Durga Prasad Khaitan, to be awarded by the Society to a person who has made in India a notable and original contribution of science, including social science, to industry during the five years preceding the year of the award. The medal should ordinarily be awarded alternately to an Industrialist and a Scientist.

Recipients

- 1946 Birla, G. D.
- 1948 Ghosh, Sir J. C., Kt., D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S.
- 1950 Lalbhai, Kasturbhai.
- 1952 Bhatnagar, S. S., D.Sc., F.R.S., F.Inst. P., F.I.C., F.N.I., F.C.C.I, (Hon.), F.A.S. (Hon.).
- 1954 Visvesvaraiya, Sir M. Kt.
- 1956 Sir Shri Ram, Kt.
- 1958 Slocum, M. H.

DR. BIMALACHURN LAW GOLD MEDAL

In 1943, Dr. Bimalachurn Law, M.A., B.L., Ph.D., D.Lit., F.R.G.S., a member of the Council and a Fellow, made over to the Society 3½% G. P. Notes of the face value of Rs. 8,000 for the creation of an endowment for the annual award of a gold medal to be named after him. In accordance with the terms of the endowment the medals is to be awarded by the Society to a person who is considered to have made conspicuously important contributions to any one of the following subjects:

- (a) History, (b) Geography, (c) Philosophy, (d) Religions, (e) Ethnology, (f) Folklore, (g) Fine Arts and Architecture with special reference to India from the earliest times down to the thirteenth century A.D. and (h) Bengali Language, Literature and Philology.

Recipients

- 1943 Chatterji, Suniti Kumar M.A., D.Lit., F.A.S.
- 1944 Bhandarkar, D. R., M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.
- 1945 Brown, Percy, M.B.E., A.R.C.A., F.A.S.
- 1946 Marshall, Sir John, Kt., C.I.E., Litt.D., F.B.A., F.A.S. (Hon.).
- 1947 Barua, B. M., M.A., Ph.D.

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- 1949 Ghoshal, U. N., M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.
- 1951 Ray Chaudhuri, Hemchandra, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.
- 1953 Majumdar, R. C. M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.
- 1955 Kane, P. V., Mahamahopadhyaya, M.A., LL.M., D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*).
- 1957 Renou, Professor Louis.

SARATCHANDRA ROY MEMORIAL MEDAL

In 1943, Mrs. Roy, wife of the late Rai Bahadur Saratchandra Roy, donated a sum of Rs. 4,000 in cash to the Society for the creation of an endowment for the award of a gold medal to perpetuate the memory of her husband who was an Associate Member from 1929 to 1942. In accordance with the terms of the endowment the Medal is to be awarded to a person who is considered to have written the most outstanding book or monograph on any aspect of the cultural Anthropology of India in the English language. failing that, in Bengali.

Recipients

- 1944 Elwin, Verrier, D.Sc. (Oxon.), F.N.I., F.R.A.I., F.A.S.
- 1945 Mills, J. P., C.I.E., I.C.S., F.A.S.
- 1946 Grigson, W.V., I.C.S.
- 1949 Ehrenfels, U. R., Ph.D.
- 1952 Das, Tarakchandra, M.A.
- 1955 Ghurye, Professor, G. S.
- 1958 Srinivasa, Professor M. N.

INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS (CALCUTTA) MEDAL

In 1928, the Local Committee of the Indian Science Congress Association (Calcutta Session) made over to the Asiatic Society a sum of approximately Rs. 2,213 for the purpose of creating an endowment for the award of a medal to be given in such years as the Congress holds in Session in Calcutta.

Recipients

- 1935 Saha, Professor Meghnad, D.Sc., F.R.S., F.A.S.
- 1938 Jeans, Sir James H., Kt., D.Sc., LL.D., F.I.C., F.R.S.
- 1943 Agharkar, Professor S. P., M.A., Ph.D., F.N.I.
- 1951 Mukherji, B., D.Sc., M.D., F.N.I.
- 1956 Mitra, Professor S. K., D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S.

SARATLAL BISWAS MEMORIAL MEDAL

In November, 1954, Sri S. K. Ray, Secretary, S. L. Biswas Memorial Committee made over to the Asiatic Society in memory of the late Professor S. L. Biswas, Head of the Department of Geology, Calcutta University, a donation of Rs. 850/- for the creation of an endowment for the award of a medal to be named "Saratlal Biswas Memorial Medal," on the following terms:—

- (a) The Medal be awarded in alternate years.
- (b) The Medal be awarded to a past student of the Calcutta University, who passed his M.Sc., not more than ten years before the time of the award of the medal.
- (c) The Medal be awarded to the author of the best published work in Minerology and Petrology, published within the two years preceding the date of award.

Recipient

1958 Naha, Kshitindra Mohan, Department of Geology and Geophysics, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.

OBITUARY

SIR JADUNATH SARKAR

Sir Jadunath Sarkar died on 19th May, 1958. He was born on 10th December, 1870. He was educated at Collegiate School, Rajshahi and Presidency College, Calcutta. In his College life he developed an invincible love of reading. In 1891 he took his B.A. degree with first class honours in History and English. He took his M.A. degree in 1892 in English and got a first class (top of the list). He became a Professor of English in 1893. But it was very natural for him, in view of his interest in historical research, to become not long afterwards a Professor of History. He retired from the Indian Educational Service in 1925. After his retirement he was for two years Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University (1926-28). He was elected Honorary Fellow of the Asiatic Society on 4th September, 1930. He also became an Honorary Member of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

Sir Jadunath Sarkar's study of the Mughal Empire began with his *India of Aurangzib* published in 1901. With the publication of Vol. IV of his *Fall of the Mughal Empire* in 1950 the long survey of India's history from about the middle of the seventeenth century to the beginning of the nineteenth was completed. Among the works of Sir Jadunath Sarkar the following are very well known—

History of Aurangzib, 5 vols, *Studies in Aurangzib's reign*, *Mughal Administration*, *India through the Ages*, *Shivaji and his Times*, *House of Shivaji*, *Fall of the Mughal Empire* in 4 vols., *History of Bengal*, Vol. II (his chapters deal with the period from 1555 to 1757). He also edited the following works for the Asiatic Society—*Ain-i-Akbari*, 2 vols., *Maasir-i-Alamgiri* Abridged Tr. and *Bengal Nawabs*. In his minor works and essays he made many short incursions into the field of social and economic history. He touched nothing that he did not illumine.

As a historian he must have believed that the process of history can be grasped properly if it is worked out in detail. His materials came from Persian Mss. and letters, Rajasthani despatches, Portuguese documents, English factory records, Marathi bakhars and field despatches, French memoirs and Journals, and the records of the National Archives of France and of the National Archives of India. For his work on Shivaji he made a careful study of all the records

about him in eight different languages. He always depended on the surest and most immediate documents. His History of Aurangzib is based on such a thorough study of all the original sources that a scholar who wanted to traverse the same ground wrote, after a patient study of all the original sources, that the historian of Aurangzib had not left 'a single important fact or dramatic touch unappropriated by himself.' It would be a mistake to think of Sir Jadunath Sarkar as the historian only of Delhi affairs from Shah Jahan to Shah Alam II. He has also given us the history of Maratha affairs of the royal period (1626-1707) and of the Peshwa period from 1740 to 1803. Magnificent well-sustained narrative illuminates the first phase of Maratha history as also the last phase of it. We get from his added depth and substance to the understanding of Maratha history.

The great historian never forget in the pursuit of accuracy that history is means to be read. He wrote well by habit. The vigorous scholar with his strict method mastered the art of narrative. The researcher's thread found its place in the historian's tapestry.

N. K. SINHA

SIR JOHN HUBERT MARSHALL

Sir John Hubert Marshall, Kt., C.I.E., Litt.D., Ph.D., F.A.S., A.R.I.B.A. (Hony), F.B.A., Commander of the Order of Leopold, died on August 18, 1958. He was 89 at the time of his death.

Sir John Hubert Marshall was born at Chester on March 19, 1876. He was educated at Dulwich and King's College, Cambridge of which he later became an Honorary Fellow. He distinguished himself as a scholar of Greek studies and secured the Prengergast Studentship. He gathered experience in archaeological excavations in Greece, South Turkey and Crete. At this stage of his career he was called upon, on the recommendation of the British Museum, to accept the post of Director General of Archaeology in India.

Archaeological work in India was practically in abeyance since June, 1889 when James Burgess, who succeeded Alexander Cunningham in 1886 left India. Drastic retrenchments and reductions in budget allotments virtually stifled all archaeological work. Things improved under the viceroyalty of Lord Curzon when at his instance sanction was

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obtained for re-constituting the Archaeological Survey of India and Marshall was appointed to direct and guide the work of the new Department.

Marshall joined his post on February 22, 1902. He re-organised the Department thoroughly and formulated definite principles for excavation, conservation and museum administration. He was largely responsible for drafting the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act of 1904. He also inaugurated the series of Annual Reports of the Survey embodying the results of the work of the Survey.

In 1906, the Archaeological Survey, so long a temporary body, was placed on a permanent and improved footing and under the direction of Marshall a comprehensive and systematic campaign of conservation and excavation was prosecuted. Many ancient sites, like Pataliputra, Vaisali, Sravasti, Sarnath, Nalanda, Taxila, Sanchi, etc. were excavated under his supervision and resuscitated from centuries of oblivion. With regard to his work at Sanchi it has been said that he not only re-excavated the numerous remains, but has also re-created them. His work at Taxila has yielded a mass of materials, extremely valuable for solving many of the problems relating to foreign rule in North-Western India and Afghanistan in the centuries immediately proceeding and succeeding the Christian era.

But perhaps the most distinctive achievement on Indian archaeology under his stewardship is the discovery of the ancient Indus Civilisation. It is true, no doubt, that in the early twenties of the present century the late Mr. R. D. Banerji discovered the remnants of this civilisation at Mohenjodaro in Sind, while a few remains had been found long ago by Cunningham at Harappa in the Punjab. It goes to the credit of Sir John Marshall that he, with his characteristic insight and discernment, could at once realise the full archaeological import of R. D. Banerji's discoveries. Immediately he organised full-scale excavations and explorations and the results of the work carried on under his impetus have gone to add a hoary and entirely forgotten chapter in the history of India.

Sir John Marshall relinquished the office of the Director General of Archaeology in India on September 6, 1928 and was placed on special duty for preparing a series of monographs on the various sites that had been explored under his direction as well as for co-ordinating the results of the operations of the Survey at the Indus valley and other allied sites. On March 19, 1933 he was re-employed on special duty and he finally left India on March 18, 1934.

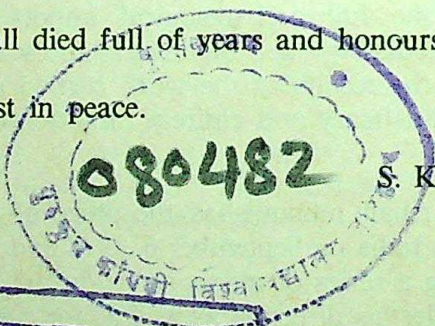
Among his many publications mention should first be made of the Annual Reports of the Archaeological Survey of India and his review of Archaeological Progress in India (1915) which are masterly in the presentation and scientific evaluation of archaeological date. His *Guide to Sanchi* and *Guide to Taxila*, each of which has gone through a number of editions, has set a standard in the preparation of archaeological guide books useful alike to the layman and the specialist. It is unfortunate to miss this standard in the guide-books published recently by the Department of Archaeology. His three *magnum opuses*, *Mohenjodaro and the Indus Civilisation* (3 vols. London, 1931), *Monuments of Sanchi* (3 vols. Calcutta, 1939) and *Taxila* (3 vols. Cambridge, 1951), are monumental not only in size but also in scholarship. Each of them bears evidence of painstaking and meticulous research enlivened further by his first-hand knowledge of the sites and monuments concerned. Even in his failing health he had been carrying on his studies on various problems of Indian archaeology.

It is difficult to assess the contribution of Marshall to Indian archaeological studies. His methods in archaeology have recently been adversely criticised, but we cannot but bear in mind that the methods of his critics have also their opponents. Controversies apart, it must be borne in mind that within the present century Marshall has made distinct contributions to Indian archaeological studies, and by resuscitating the legacies of the past he has been greatly instrumental in obtaining for India a place in the committee of civilised countries.

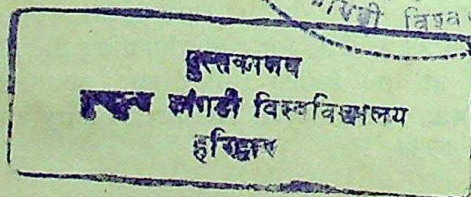
Sir John Marshall was also intimately connected with the Asiatic Society. On the occasion of the 150th Anniversary Celebrations in 1934 he was elected a special Anniversary Honorary Member, and was awarded the Bimla Churn Law Gold Medal for 1946.

Sir John Marshall died full of years and honours,

May his soul rest in peace.



S. K. SARASWATI



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